

# Midweek Advent Worship

# *Festival* *of* LESSONS *and* CAROLS

## **“A Prayer as We Wait”**

**A Service of Hymns, Lessons, and Prayers**

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**The Children of Calvary Lutheran School**

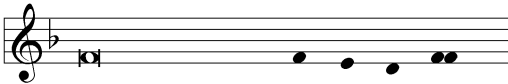
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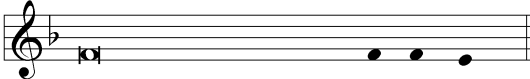
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pages 10 & 11 in the front of the hymnal

## THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

Stand



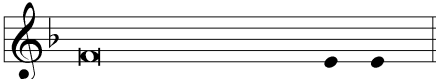
**M:** Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



**C:** the light no darkness can o - ver - come.



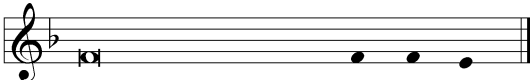
**M:** Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



**C:** and the day is almost o - ver.



**M:** Be our light and scat - ter the dark - ness,



**C:** and hear our evening hymn of praise.

Candles may be lit as the hymn is sung.

HYMN

36 – A Great and Mighty Wonder

Children sing vs. 1-4; congregation joins in singing vs. 5



1 A great and might - y won - der, A  
 2 The Word be - comes in - car - nate And  
 3 While thus they sing your mon - arch, Those  
 4 Since all he comes to ran - som, By  
 5 All i - dols then shall per - ish And



glo - rious mys - ter - y: A vir - gin bears an  
 yet re - mains on high, And cher - u - bim sing  
 bright an - gel - ic bands, Re - joice, O vales and  
 all be he a - dored, The in - fant born in  
 Sa - tan's ly - ing cease, And Christ shall raise his



in - fant Who veils his de - i - ty.  
 an - thems To shep - herds from the sky.  
 moun - tains, And o - ceans, clap your hands.  
 Beth - l'em, The Sav - ior and the Lord.  
 scep - ter, De - cree - ing end - less peace.

*Refrain*



Re - peat the hymn a - gain: "To God on high be



glo - ry And peace on earth to men."

Text: Germanus, c. 634–734; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–66, alt.  
 Tune: ES IST EIN ROS (76 76 676) *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, Köln, 1599.

**M** Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Be Seated*

# THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

## LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU

*Psalm 141*



C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing  
up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I  
call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I  
cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,  
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

**M** Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

### READING Revelation 12:1-6

Mark the contrast between what Jesus' birth looked like from behind the curtain and what it looked like to human eyes. One was a "not-so-silent-night" while the other appeared serene.

REVELATION 12:1 A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head. <sup>2</sup> She was pregnant and cried out in pain as she was about to give birth. <sup>3</sup> Then another sign appeared in heaven: an enormous red dragon with seven heads and ten horns and seven crowns on his heads. <sup>4</sup> His

tail swept a third of the stars out of the sky and flung them to the earth. The dragon stood in front of the woman who was about to give birth, so that he might devour her child the moment it was born. <sup>5</sup> She gave birth to a son, a male child, who will rule all the nations with an iron scepter. And her child was snatched up to God and to his throne. <sup>6</sup> The woman fled into the desert to a place prepared for her by God, where she might be taken care of for 1,260 days.

**HYMN**

60 – Silent Night! Holy Night

*Children sing vs. 1,2; congregation joins in singing vs. 3*

1 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! All is  
 2 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Shep - herds  
 3 Si - lent night! Ho - ly night! Son of

calm, all is bright, Round yon vir - gin  
 quake at the sight, Glo - ries stream from  
 God, love's pure light Ra - diant beams from

moth - er and child. Ho - ly In - fant, so  
 heav - en a - far; Heav'n - ly hosts sing,  
 thy ho - ly face With the dawn of re -

ten - der and mild, Sleep in heav - en - ly  
 Al - le - lu - ia; Christ, the Sav - ior, is  
 deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at thy

peace, Sleep in heav - en - ly peace.  
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!  
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at thy birth.

Text: Franz Joseph Mohr, 1792–1848, abr.; tr. John F. Young, 1820–85.  
 Tune: STILLE NACHT (Irregular) Franz X. Gruber, 1787–1863, alt.

## READING Isaiah 52:7-10

Those who announce the Good News from the mountaintops have “beautiful feet”!

ISAIAH 52:7 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" <sup>8</sup> Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own eyes. <sup>9</sup> Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. <sup>10</sup> The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

## HYMN

63 – Angels We Have Heard on High

*Children sing vs. 1,2; congregation joins in singing vs. 3*



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing  
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous  
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the



o'er the plains, And the moun - tains in re -  
strains pro - long? What the glad - some ti - dings  
an - gels sing; Come, a - dore on bend - ed

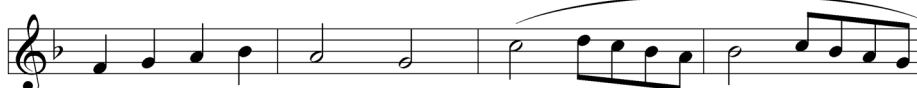


ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

### *Refrain*



Glo - ri - a



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



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

## READING Philippians 2:5-8

Jesus' birth is a humble birth.

PHILIPPIANS 2:5 Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus:

<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. <sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!

## HYMN

68 – Away in a Manger

*Children sing all the verses.*



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for a bed,  
2 The cat - tle are low - ing, the ba - by a - wakes,  
3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head.  
But lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.  
Close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
I love you, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky,  
Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care,



The lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
And stay by my side un - til morn - ing is nigh.  
And take us to heav - en to live with you there.

Text: *Little Children's Book*, Philadelphia, 1885, st. 1-2; *Vineyard Songs*, Louisville, 1892, st. 3.  
Tune: CRADLE SONG (11 11 11 11) William J. Kirkpatrick, 1838-1921.

## Your Kingdom Come



### READING FROM THE CATECHISM

**M** Your kingdom come.

**C** **What does this mean?**

**M** God's kingdom certainly comes by itself even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may also come to us.

**C** **How does God's kingdom come?**

**M** God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his holy Word ...

**C** ... and lead a godly life now on earth and forever in heaven.

### FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS



## CHILDREN'S ANTHEM

## God So Loved the World

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1. *God so loved the world He gave His only Son.  
Once born in Bethlehem; Christ the King, Christ the King.  
Our Savior heaven sent, Christ the King.*

*Refrain: For all who will believe will not perish but live;  
For all who will believe in the Son.  
For all who will believe will not perish but live;  
For all who will believe life has come.*

2. *God so loved the world He gave His only Son.  
Behold, Emmanuel: God with us, God with us.  
Oh, hear the first Noel, God with us.*
3. *God so loved the world He gave His only Son.  
Who paid our sacrifice, At the cross, at the cross.  
The fullness of new life, at the cross.*

*Refrain*

4. *God so loved the world He gave His only Son.  
This gift is yours and mine: Will you come? Will you come?  
Where hope and mercy shines: Will you come?*

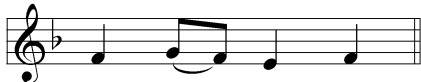
*Refrain*

## THE SERVICE OF PRAYER

*Stand*

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

**M** In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

**M** For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray,  
O Lord:



**C:** Christ, have mer - cy.

**M** For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

**M** For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:



**C:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**M** For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray, O Lord:



**C:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**M** For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:



**C:** Thanks be to God.

**M** In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.



**C:** A - men.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

# HYMN

54 – Where Shepherds Lately Knelth

*Children sing vs. 1-3; congregation joins in singing vs. 4*



1 Where shep - herds late - ly knelt and kept the an - gel's word,  
2 In that un - like - ly place I find him as they said:  
3 How should I not have known I - sa - iah would be there,  
4 Can I, will I for - get how Love was born, and burned



I come in half - be - lief, a pil - grim strange - ly stirred;  
Sweet new - born Babe, how frail! and in a man - ger bed,  
His proph - e - cies ful - filled? With pound - ing heart I stare:  
Its way in - to my heart un - asked, un - forced, un - earned,



But there is room and wel - come there for me,  
A still, small voice to cry one day for me,  
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me,  
To die, to live, and not a - lone for me,



But there is room and wel - come there for me.  
A still, small voice to cry one day for me.  
A child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.  
To die, to live, and not a - lone for me?

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Tune: MANGER SONG (12 12 10 10) Carl. F. Schalk, b. 1929. © 1987 GIA Publications, Inc., Chicago, IL,  
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## PRAYER FOR PEACE

**M** Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

*Be Seated*

## CLOSING HYMN

62 – Joy to the World

*Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.*

*Children sing vs. 1-3; congregation joins in singing vs. 4*

*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.*

*No more let sins and sorrows 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.*

*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.*

**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.**

*After worship, feel free to stay and greet one another!*