

# Second Midweek Advent Worship



## Christmas TREES

A MIDWEEK ADVENT SERIES

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# Order of Service for **SECOND MIDWEEK ADVENT**

**PRESERVICE**

Calvary Music Students

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

Prayer at the Close of Day



The Lord Al - might - y grant us a qui - et



night and peace at the last.



**A - men.**



It is good to give thanks to the Lord,



**to sing praise to your name, O Most High,**



to her - ald your love in the morn - ing,



**your truth at the close of day.**

## HYMN

*Sung by the children of Calvary Lutheran School (Gr. 3-8)*

354 (vs. 1,2) – O Come, All Ye Faithful

- 1 *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!*

- 2 *God from true God, and Light from Light eternal,  
born of a virgin, to earth he comes!  
Only-begotten Son of God the Father:*

### **Refrain**

## CONFESSION

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

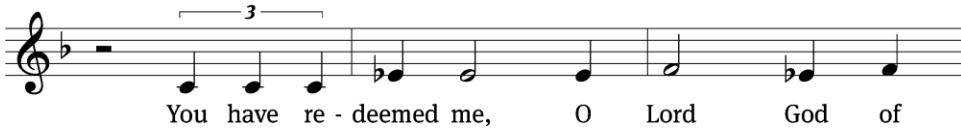
*Silence for personal reflection*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
**we have sinned against you  
in our thoughts,  
in our words,  
in our deeds,  
and in all that we have not done.  
Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Deliver and restore us,  
that we may rest in peace.**

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ,  
and in him we are forgiven.

Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun,  
when we shall serve him in newness of life.

**Amen.**



## HYMN

311 (vs. 1-3) – Dawning Light of Our Salvation

Sung by the children of Calvary Lutheran School (Gr. 3-8)

1 *Long in darkness Israel wandered;  
long in mortal shadows we  
walked in bondage and self-pity,  
trod in paths of sin and grief.  
In the prophets' words he told us,  
long the God of Israel spoke;  
he alone in strength would save us  
from the hands of all our foes.*

### Refrain

*Ev'ry valley be exalted!  
Ev'ry mountain be made plane!  
Crooked ways repent and straighten;  
all creation bend in praise!*

2 *He shall raise a mighty Savior;  
born of David's lineage, he  
comes in cov'nant love to claim us,  
from our sins to set us free.  
Light to those who dwell in darkness,  
life to those from death who flee,  
joy unto the earth, and gladness,  
to your pathways dawning peace!*

### Refrain

3 *Jesus, Lord, and mighty Savior,  
David's son and yet his King,  
dawning light of our salvation,  
of your saving pow'r we sing!  
Stand, O lame, and dance, ye broken;  
know the Savior's healing grace.  
Come, O deaf, and hear him singing;  
turn, O blind, behold his face!*

### Refrain

## READINGS

1 Samuel 16:1-13

*The LORD promised to make one of the sons of Jesse into a great king.*

<sup>1</sup>SAMUEL 16:1 “The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

<sup>2</sup>But Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears about it, he will kill me.”

The LORD said, “Take a heifer with you and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ <sup>3</sup>Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate.”

<sup>4</sup>Samuel did what the LORD said. When he arrived at Bethlehem, the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, “Do you come in peace?”

<sup>5</sup>Samuel replied, “Yes, in peace; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves and come to the sacrifice with me.” Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD’s anointed stands here before the LORD.”

<sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

<sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab and had him pass in front of Samuel. But Samuel said, “The LORD has not chosen this one either.” <sup>9</sup>Jesse then had Shammah pass by, but Samuel said, “Nor has the LORD chosen this one.” <sup>10</sup>Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel, but Samuel said to him, “The LORD has not chosen these.” <sup>11</sup>So he asked Jesse, “Are these all the sons you have?”

“There is still the youngest,” Jesse answered. “He is tending the sheep.”

Samuel said, “Send for him; we will not sit down until he arrives.”

<sup>12</sup>So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features.

Then the LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

<sup>13</sup>So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the LORD came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

Isaiah 11:1-10

*The family tree of Jesse had been cut down to a stump. The LORD promised that family tree would grow again, producing a King much greater than David.*

ISAIAH 11:1 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;  
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup>The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—

the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,

the Spirit of counsel and of might,

the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—

<sup>3</sup>and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,  
or decide by what he hears with his ears;  
<sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he will judge the needy,  
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;  
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

<sup>5</sup>Righteousness will be his belt  
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

<sup>6</sup>The wolf will live with the lamb,  
the leopard will lie down with the goat,  
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;  
and a little child will lead them.

<sup>7</sup>The cow will feed with the bear,  
their young will lie down together,  
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup>The infant will play near the cobra's den,  
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

<sup>9</sup>They will neither harm nor destroy  
on all my holy mountain,  
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>In that day the Root of Jesse will stand as a banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his resting place will be glorious.

## **HYMN**

345 – Where Shepherds Lately Knelt

*Verses 1,2, and 4, sung by the children of Calvary Lutheran School (Gr. 3-8). Verse 3 sung by the congregation.*

1 *Where shepherds lately knelt and kept the angel's word,  
I come in half-belief, a pilgrim strangely stirred;  
but there is room and welcome there for me,  
but there is room and welcome there for me.*

2 *In that unlikely place I find him as they said:  
sweet newborn babe, how frail! And in a manger bed:  
a still, small voice to cry one day for me,  
a still, small voice to cry one day for me.*

3 **How should I not have known Isaiah would be there,  
his prophecies fulfilled? With pounding heart I stare:  
a child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me,  
a child, a son, the Prince of Peace for me.**

- 4 *Can I, will I forget how Love was born, and burned  
its way into my heart—unasked, unforced, unearned,  
to die, to live, and not alone for me,  
to die, to live, and not alone for me?*

## CATECHISM READING

The Lord's Prayer

*The Fourth Petition*

**Give us today our daily bread.**

*What does this mean?*

God surely gives daily bread without our asking, even to all the wicked, but we pray in this petition that he would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

*What, then, is meant by daily bread?*

Daily bread includes everything that we need for our bodily welfare, such as food and drink, clothing and shoes, house and home, land and cattle, money and goods, a godly spouse, godly children, godly workers, godly and faithful leaders, good government, good weather, peace and order, health, a good name, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

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*The Fifth Petition*

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

*What does this mean?*

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins or because of them deny our prayers; for we are worthy of none of the things for which we ask, neither have we deserved them, but we ask that he would give them all to us by grace; for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will forgive from the heart and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

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*The Sixth Petition*

**Lead us not into temptation.**

*What does this mean?*

God surely tempts no one to sin, but we pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us, so that the devil, the world, and our flesh may not deceive us or lead us into false belief, despair, and other great and shameful sins; and though we are tempted by them, we pray that we may overcome and win the victory.



## HYMN

353 (vs. 1,3) – Joy to the World

*Verse 1 sung by the children of Calvary Lutheran School (Gr. 3-8). Verse 3 sung by the congregation.*

1 *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.*

3 **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.**

## ADVENT MEDITATION

Isaiah 11:1-10

# The Tree of Promise

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## PRAYER



Hear my prayer, O Lord;



lis - ten to my cry.



Keep me as the ap - ple of your eye;



hide me in the shad-ow of your wings.



In right - eous - ness I shall see you;



when I a - wake, your pres-ence will give me joy.

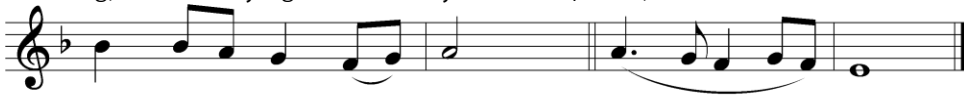


O Lord, support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is / done.\* Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the / last;



through Je - sus Christ our Lord. **A - men.**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who watch or work or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who / sleep.\* Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, pity the afflicted, soothe the suffering, bless the dying—and all for your love's / sake;

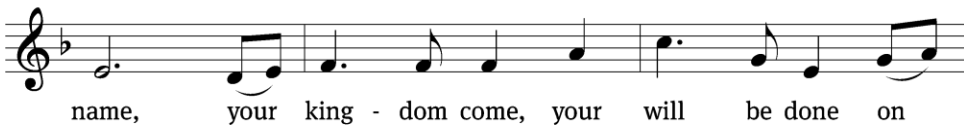


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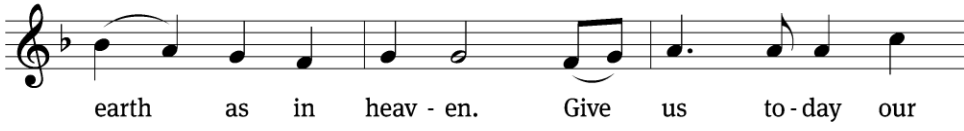
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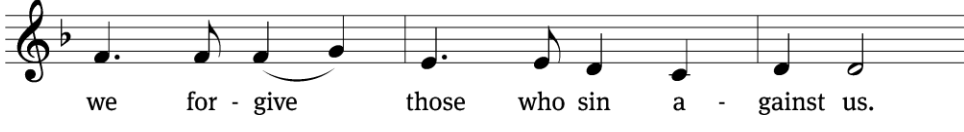
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on



earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our



dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as



we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.

Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de -  
 liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the  
 pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours  
 now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## SONG OF SIMEON

Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,  
 and guard us sleep - ing  
 that a - wake we may watch with Christ  
 and a - sleep we may rest in peace.  
 In peace, Lord, in peace you let your ser - vant

now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my  
 eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which  
 you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a  
 light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the  
 glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.  
 Guide us wak - ing, O Lord,  
 and guard us sleep - ing  
 that a - wake we may watch with Christ  
 and a - sleep we may rest in peace,  
 in peace, in peace.

Let us praise the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **BLESSING**

The almighty and merciful Lord – the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit – bless us and keep us.  
**Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

337 – Silent Night

*Sung by the children of Calvary Lutheran School (Gr. 3-8). Congregation may join to sing on verse 3.*

- 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,*  
*heav'nly 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.*



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## *“The Gift of God”*



|                |  |                  |
|----------------|--|------------------|
| Nov. 30/Dec. 1 | Advent 1                                 | Regular schedule |
| December 4     | Midweek Advent                           | 7:00 p.m.        |
| December 7,8   | Advent 2                                 | Regular schedule |
| December 11    | Midweek Advent                           | 7:00 p.m.        |
| December 14,15 | Advent 3                                 | Regular schedule |
| December 18    | Midweek Advent                           | 7:00 p.m.        |
| December 20    | Children’s Service                       | 6:30 p.m.        |
| December 21,22 | Advent 4                                 | Regular schedule |
| December 24    | Christmas Eve<br>Lessons and Carols      | 3:30 p.m.        |
|                | Christmas Eve<br>Lessons and Carols      | 7:00 p.m.        |
|                | Christmas Eve<br>Candlelight Compline    | 11:00 p.m.       |
| December 25    | Christmas Day Festival                   | 9:30 a.m.        |
| December 28,29 | Christmas 1                              | Regular schedule |
| December 31    | New Year’s Eve<br>with the Lord’s Supper | 3:30 p.m.        |