



*Our
Savior-King
Comes to Us*

Calvary Children's Christmas Service

December 20th, 2013

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*Our children have prepared to lead a worship service tonight – not a play or program. It is our prayer that the focus will not be the children, but the Christ child in the manger. We ask that there be **no photography during the service**. The service will be made available on our website and on DVD when students return from Christmas Break. You may take pictures with your children after the service.*

Offering: If you wish to make a free-will offering to support the work of Calvary Lutheran Church and School, you will find baskets located near the doors of the sanctuary as you exit. You have also received an envelope with your bulletin – offerings placed in these envelopes will go toward the Student Assistance Fund.

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Handbell Processional

Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates (*Pre-K-8/Cong.*)

Hymn 3 vs. 1-3

1. (5-8) Lift up your heads, you mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near; The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation he will bring; Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise Your joyful songs of praise.
2. (3-8) The King is born in poverty, His chariot is humility.
His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter pity in distress.
The end of all our woe he brings; Therefore the earth is glad and sings.
To Christ our Savior raise Your grateful hymns of praise.

3. *(Pre-K-8/Cong.)*

**How blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O peaceful hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless sun of joy is he, Who comes to set his people free.
To God the Spirit raise, Your happy shouts of praise.**

Invocation

Address

Isaiah 40:5 And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

I. The Prophecy

(Grades 7-8)

The prophet Isaiah lived during the time of kings. He watched the destruction of Israel by the Assyrians, and he prophesied the exile of Judah to Babylon. During this time of turmoil, Isaiah preached against the sin and idolatry of the people. The scene looked bleak, yet God spoke words of comfort to his children. The faithful longed for a Godly King, a Savior-King who would take all their sins away and restore their relationship with God. To this remnant, Isaiah spoke God’s sweet Gospel, words of hope and promise, the “Good News”. Tonight we call out to you. Our voices speak the Good News. The King is coming! Prepare your hearts.

Isaiah 40: 1-2

(Grades 7-8) Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

Isaiah 40:3-5

(*Grades 5-8*) A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

(*Grades 3-8*) Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.

(*Grades PK-8*) And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."

Comfort, Comfort All My People (*Junior Choir*) **Hymn 11 vs. 1, 2, 4** (*Suo-Gan*)

1. "Comfort, comfort all my people; Speak of peace, "so says our God.
"Comfort those who sit in darkness, Groaning from their sorrows' load.
Speak to all Jerusalem Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell them that their sins I cover; That their warfare now is o'er."
2. All their sins our God will pardon, Blotting out each dark misdeed;
All that well deserve his anger He no more will see or heed.
They have suffered many a day; Now their griefs have passed away.
God will change their aching sadness Into ever-springing gladness.
3. Straighten out the crooked highway; Make the rougher places plain.
Let your hearts be true and humble, Ready for his holy reign.
For the glory of the Lord Now o'er earth is spread abroad.
And all flesh shall see the token That his word is ne'er broken.

PreKindergarten and Kindergarten Recitation and Hymn

What shall I give to the dear little Stranger,
Whose home was a stable, Whose cradle a manger?
No treasure have I for He is a King;
Oh, yes, there is love! That is what I shall bring.

King of Kings – (PreK and K)

King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!

II. The Announcement

(Grades 7-8)

Centuries after Isaiah's prophecies, the once great Kingdom of Judah had all but vanished. When Joseph and Mary appeared on the scene, the Jews owed their allegiance to Caesar in Rome. Yet, who was this lowly maid? Who was this Galilean carpenter? The Gospel of Luke tells us Mary was a direct descendant of King David. The Gospel of Matthew lists Joseph as one born into the line of kings. And the angel Gabriel comes to earth to announce the birth of Jesus, the promised King. Hear the glorious prophecy!

Luke 1: 26-38

(Grades 5-6)

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. The

angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.”

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”

“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”

The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. For no word from God will ever fail.”

“I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came (*Grades K-8*)

Hymn 24 vs. 1-4

1. The angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
“All hail,” said he to meek and lowly Mary.
“Most highly favored maiden.” Glo-ri-a!
2. “I come from heav’n to tell the Lord’s decree:
A blessed virgin mother you shall be.
Your Son shall be Immanuel, by seers foretold,
“Most highly favored maiden.” Glo-ri-a!

3. Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;
“To me be as it pleases God, “ she said.
“My soul shall praise and magnify his holy name.”
Most highly favored maiden.” Glo-ri-a!
4. Of her Immanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk through-out the world will ever say,
“Most highly favored maiden.” Glo-ri-a!

Matthew 1:18-24

(Grades 3-4)

This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”).

When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife.

The King Shall Come (*Grades 1-8/ Cong.*)

Hymn 25 vs. 1, 2, 5

1. (*1-8*) The King shall come when morning dawns
And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern hills
And life to joy awakes.

2. (*1-8*) Not as of old a little child
To bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the sun
That lights the morning sky.

5. (*1-8/ Cong.*)
**The King shall come when morning dawns
And light and beauty brings.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:
Come quickly, King of kings!**

III. The Birth

(*Grades 7-8*)

Prepare the palace! Call for the servants! Send out the royal announcement! One would expect great fanfare for the birth of a new king, but God had other plans. Jesus was to be born in a place so lowly few would even notice. Swaddling clothes and the hay of a manger enfolded the new-born King. Yet the quiet Bethlehem night had turned into the dawn of redeeming grace when the Christ-Child came in humble glory. The Baby King was born to save us!

Luke 2:1-7

(Grades 3-4)

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) And everyone went to their own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

Away in a Manger *(Grades PreK-8)*

Hymn 68 vs. 1-3

1. *(Grades PreK-2)* Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.
2. *(Grades PreK-2)* The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
And stay by my side until morning is nigh.
3. *(Grades PreK-8)* Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with you there.

Silent Night! Holy Night! (PreK-8/Cong.) Hymn 60 German and vs. 1-3

NOTE: Alumni please gather in Narthex as Hymn 60 is introduced. Your candles will be lit during the singing of verse 1. Following verse 1, please walk down the middle aisle and stand between and beside our students to join in stanzas 2-4.

1. (PreK-8) (Sign Language) 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.

(Interlude: Alumni walk forward with lit candles.)

2. (PreK-8/**Alumni**) Stille Nacht Heilige Nacht
Alles schlaeft, einsam wacht
Nur das traghte hoch heilige paar,
Holder knabe im lockigen haar,
Schlaf in himlischer Ruh! Schlaf in himlischer Ruh!
3. (PreK-8/**Alumni**) 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!

(Congregation STANDS)

4. (PreK-8/Alumni/Cong.)

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.

IV. The Celebration

(Grades 7-8)

How do you celebrate a new king? When King Solomon came to the throne of David, he spent 13 years building his glorious palace. The Bible says the silver was as common as stones. But to celebrate the birth of King Jesus? God himself called for the songs of the heavenly angel chorus to come down to earth. And, because Jesus is our brother, God invited common shepherds to be the first audience. Don't fear. You are safe. Leave your sheep. Come and see!

Luke 2:8-14

(Grades PreK-2)

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel,

praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.”

To Shepherds as They Watched By Night (*Grades 3-8/Cong.*) **Hymn 53**

1. (*Grades 3-8*)

To shepherds as they watched by night
Appeared a host of angels bright;
“Behold the tender babe,” they said,
“In yonder lowly manger laid.”

2. (*Grades 3-8*)

“At Bethlehem, in David’s town,
As Micah did of old make known.
It is the Christ, your Lord and King,
Who will to all salvation bring.”

3. (*Women/Girls*)

**Oh, then rejoice that through his Son God is with sinners now at one;
Made like yourselves of flesh and blood, Your brother is th’eternal
God.**

4. (*Men/Boys*)

**What harm can sin and death then do? The true God now abides with
you.
Let hell and Satan storm and rave, Christ is your brother – you are
safe.**

(Congregation STANDS)

5. (*Grades 3-8/Cong.*)

**Not one he will or can forsake; His cov’nant he will never break.
Let ev’ry scheme the tempter try, You may his utmost pow’rs defy.**

6. *(Grades 3-8/Cong.)*

**You shall and must at last prevail. God's own you are; you cannot fail.
To God forever sing your praise With joy and patience all your days.**

Luke 2:15-20

(Grades PreK-2)

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Welcome the Babe *(Cherub Choir)*

by Natalie Sleeth

Welcome the Babe, Welcome the Babe
Infant holy, meek and lowly
Welcome the Babe, Welcome the Babe,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Honor the Babe, Honor the Babe,
Bow before Him, Now adore Him,
Honor the Babe, Honor the Babe,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Worship the Babe, Worship the Babe,
Lamb of God, He comes to save us,
Worship the Babe, Worship the Babe,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Follow the Babe, Follow the Babe.
Tell His story, share His glory.
Follow the Babe, Follow the Babe.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Angels We Have Heard on High (*Grades PreK-8*)

Hymn 63 vs. 1-3

1. Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.
2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heav'nly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.
3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

V. The Proclamation

(Grades 7-8)

Let the whole world rejoice! The glory of the Lord will be revealed! Shortly after Jesus' blessed birth, God's plan to reach out from the Judean hills to the Gentiles was set into motion. From afar, the Magi had seen the beautiful Morning star rising.

They had heard the ancient Scriptures speak of the sweet comfort only found in the Shepherd King. With gifts most rare, they set out across the desert seeking to find the newborn King. Let us worship the King!

Matthew 2:1-11

(Grades 5-8)

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.””

Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down

and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Three Great Kings (*Junior Choir*)

arr. Russell Schulz-Widmar

Three great kings in elegant array
Come marching through the midnight stillness.

Crowned in gold, they make a fine display;
A star they follow into Bethlehem.

A gift each brings for the King of kings;
Pure gold and myrrh and finest incense.

A gift each brings for the King of kings,
The Savior born in Bethlehem.

All the town is lighted by a star;
The stable glows as bright as noontide.
Angel choirs are coming from afar
To praise the Holy Child of Bethlehem.
They seek the child and the mother mild;
Their Savior poor lies in a manger.

They seek the child and the mother mild,
The Savior born in Bethlehem.

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star (*Grades 5-8/Cong.*) **Hymn 79 vs. 1-3**

1. (*Grades 5-8*) How lovely shines the Morning Star!

The nations see and hail afar
The light in Judah shining.

O David's Son of Jacob's race,

My Bridegroom and my King of grace,
For you my heart is pining.

Lowly, Holy, Great and glorious,

O victorious Prince of graces,
Filling all the heav'nly places.

Congregation STANDS

2. *(Grades 5-8/Cong.)* **O highest joy by mortals won,
True Son of God and Mary's Son, The high born King of ages!
In your blest body let me be, E'en as the branch is in the tree,
Your life, my life supplying.
Sighing, Crying For the savor, Of your favor
Resting never, Till I rest in you forever.**

3. *(Grades 5-8/Cong.)* **O mighty Father, in your Son
You loved me ere you had begun, This ancient world's foundation.
Your Son has made a friend of me, And when in spirit him I see,
I joy in tribulation.
What bliss is this! He is living, To me giving Life forever;
Nothing me from him can sever.**

VI. The King Comes for You

(PreK-8): Tonight, we have shared the Good News of Jesus' birth with you.

(Congregation): **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!" 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. (Isaiah 52:7-8)**

(PreK-8): Tonight, we joined you in singing the Christ Child's songs of joy and comfort

(Congregation): **Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. 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. (Isaiah 52:9-10)

(PreK-8): Tonight, we have asked you to worship with us. Let each of us hear His Word and promises and believe - Jesus Christ, our Savior King, come to save us!

(Congregation): **Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. (Isaiah 55: 3, 6)**

(PreK-8 and Congregation) **And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” (Isaiah 40: 5)**

Where Shepherds Lately Knelt (*gr.1-8/Congregation*) Hymn 54 vs. 1-4

- 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.**

Prayer of the Church

Closing

Joy to the World (*PreK-8/Congregation*)

Hymn 62 vs. 1-4

1. (*PreK-8*) 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.
2. (*3-8/Congregation*)
**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.**
3. (*5-8/Congregation*)
**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.**
4. (*Congregation*)
**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.**

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Have a Blessed Christmas!

Join us for Christmas Worship!

Tuesday, December 24th

7:00 pm Lessons and Carols

11:00 pm Christmas Compline

Wednesday, December 25th

9:30 am Festival Service