

Children's Christmas Service

Calvary Lutheran School



“Sing to Jesus”

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Welcome to Worship

It's our privilege as students, faculty, and staff to share the message of Christmas joy, hope, and peace with you tonight! We pray that through God's word and song you will hear and take to heart God's message of salvation as he fulfilled his promise to send a Savior to save all from their sins. May God bless you and your family not only in this Christmas season but with the joy, hope, and peace tonight's message brings throughout the year.

Offering – Forward in Faith <https://calvarydallas.org/about-cls/fif/>

Offerings given this evening will be applied to our Forward in Faith Fund. Forward in Faith is a diverse network of Christ-Followers who are united in the essential cause to make Christian education excellent and accessible for the next generation of disciples. Offerings support families with financial assistance and promote excellence and growth by providing funds for improvement outside the regular school budget.

Offerings may be placed in the baskets as you exit church or may be given online using the QR code to the right. You are also invited to become part of Calvary's Forward in Faith Cavalry by pledging monthly offerings.



No Photography During Worship

Our children have prepared to lead worship tonight – not a play or program. It is the prayer of our faculty and students that the focus of our worshippers' attention 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 church website for streaming.

You are invited to take pictures with your children after the service.

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Song

Lift Up Your Head, You Mighty Gates

Grades K-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.*

*How blessed the land, the city blest, Where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O happy hearts and happy homes To whom this King in triumph comes.*

*Fling wide the gates: Prepare your heart to be a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.*

Grades 3-8 and Congregation

**Redeemer come! We open wide our hearts to you, here Lord abide
O enter with your grace divine and cause your face on us to shine.**

Grades Pre-K - 8 and Congregation

**Eternal praise, unending fame we offer to your saving name.
Your Holy Spirit guide us on until our glorious goal is won.**

Pastor's Address

Part One: The Prophecy Zephaniah 3:14-17

Grades 7-8 Narrator

Singing is such a popular expression of Christmas joy that it has spawned its own genre of music, "The Christmas Song." However, the song that we sing tonight has so much more to offer us than "chestnuts roasting on an open fire." Tonight we sing because God has sent a Savior from sin. God himself moves us to joyous melody because he, first, sang the song of salvation to us. Listen to the students as they set the stage for our singing with a prophecy from Zephaniah.

Grades 7-8

Sing out, daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, you daughter of Jerusalem.

Grades 5-6

The Lord has removed the judgment against you. He has turned back your enemy. Israel's king, the Lord, is in your midst! You no longer need to fear disaster.

Grades 3-4

In that day Jerusalem will be told, “Do not be afraid, O Zion. Do not give up.

Grades 1-8

The LORD your God is with you as a hero who will save you. He takes great delight in you. He will quiet you with his love. He will rejoice over you with singing.”

Song

O Come, Little Children

Grades Pre-K

*O come, little children, O come, one and all.
To Bethlehem’s stable, to Bethlehem’s stall.
And see with rejoicing this glorious sight,
Our Father in heaven has sent us this night.*

Part Two: The Birth of Jesus Foretold Luke 1:26-38

Grades 7-8 Narrator

The first verse of Gabriel’s song announced the coming of John the Baptist. The second verse of his song announced the arrival of the Savior himself, Jesus. Only Mary heard his message because she was the one whom God had chosen to bear the Savior. If John’s birth to a woman beyond child-bearing age was reason to sing, then the birth of Mary’s child was packed with reasons to shout in stupendous joy – a virgin would give birth to the very Son of God and his name would be Jesus, the Savior from sin. Listen to the second of Gabriel’s birth announcements:

Grade 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.”

Grade 5

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.”

Grades 5-6 Girls

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

Grades 5-6

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.”

Grades 5-6 Girls

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

Song

The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

Grades K-8

*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!*

*“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!*

*Of her Immanuel, the Christ, was born
In Bethlehem, all on a Christmas morn,
And Christian folk though-out the world will ever say,
“Most highly favored maiden.” Glo-ri-a!*



Part Three: The Song of Mary

Luke 1:39-55

Grades 7-8 Narrator

What do you say when God's angel tells you you're going to give birth to God's Son, the Savior? Does your jaw drop in disbelief? Are you stunned into silence? Or, like Mary, do you sing the psalms you learned as a child which praise God for his goodness and his greatness? Marvel at Mary's *Magnificat* and the message of mercy it proclaims.

Grades 7-8

At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

Song

Song of Mary
Grades 3-8

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
My spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
For he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed.
The Almighty has done great things for me,
And holy is his name.
He has mercy on those who fear him
In ev'ry generation.
He has shown the strength of his arm;
He has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
And has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
And the rich he has sent away empty.
He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
For he has remembered his promise of mercy,
The promise made to our fathers,
To Abraham, and to his children forever. Amen.*

Part Four: The Birth of Jesus Luke 2:1-7

Song

How Far is It to Bethlehem
Cherub Choir

*How far is it to Bethlehem? Not very far.
Shall we find the stable room Lit by a star?
Can we see the little child, Is he within?
If we lift the wooden latch May we go in?*

*May we stroke the creatures there, Oxen and sheep?
May we peek like them and see Jesus asleep?
If we touch his tiny hand, will he awake?
Will he know we've come so far just for his sake?*

*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.*

Grades 7-8 Narrator

Singing in harmony takes hours of practice to line up all the voices. Imagine what it took to line up the entire history of the world so that a little-known couple from an unknown village would make their way to a tiny town just in time for the mother to give birth – just as it had been prophesied hundreds of years earlier! But that's just what God did. With equal parts grace and might God played the song of salvation so that Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem, just as he had promised.

Song

Infant Holy
Grades K-8

*Infant holy, Infant lowly,
For his bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, Little knowing,
Christ the child is Lord of all.
Swiftly winging, Angels singing,
Bells are ringing, Tidings bringing.
Christ the child is Lord of all.
Christ the child is Lord of all.*

*Flocks were sleeping; Shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new.
Saw the glory, Heard the story,
Tidings of a Gospel true.
Thus rejoicing, Free from sorrow,
Praises voicing, Greet the morrow.
Christ the child was born for you!
Christ the child was born for you!*

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.

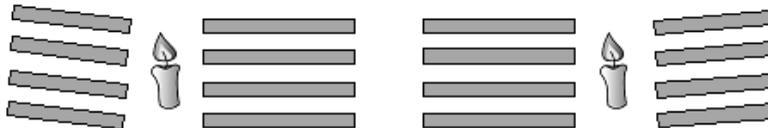
Song

Silent Night

Grades K-8, Alumni, and Congregation

Alumni are asked to walk forward with their candles and disperse along the two side aisles during the first interlude, after stanza 1, and during the German stanza. A faculty member will start candle lighting in each aisle, and alumni are asked to continue the lighting of candles down the aisle during "Silent Night." When the song is complete, please blow out your candles as you return to your seats. Please place your candles in the box in the narthex at the end of the service.

FRONT



*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.*

*Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht Alles schläft; einsam wacht
Nur das traute hoch heilige Paar.
Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh! Schlaf in himmlischer Ruh!*

K-8 and 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

K-8, Alumni, Congregation

**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.**

Grades 1-2

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.

Song

Hush, My Babe, Lie Still and Slumber
Junior Choir

*Hush, my Babe, lie still in slumber, In the stable poor and drear,
Hear the wind blow cold and bitter, Sheep and oxen standing near.
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo, Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.*

*Bright the winter stars are shining, Angels from the heavens sing.
Shepherds gather, lost in wonder, Wise Men kneel, their gifts to bring.
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo, Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.*

*May your sleep be sweet and peaceful, May you rest now, Heav'nly Boy;
Child of Blessing, Child of Promise, Be our Hope, our Peace, our Joy.
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo, Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.*



Part Five: The Shepherds and the Angels Rejoice Luke 2:8–20

Grades 7–8 Narrator

We just sang “Silent Night”, but for a handful of shepherds and heaven-full of angels it was anything but a Silent Night. Ever since God’s first promise to save sinners the angels had waited for this birth to come. And now that it was here – well, the angels couldn’t be held back! Would that we were filled with as much joy over OUR Savior as the angels were! The shepherds, however, got it – once they had seen God’s promise fulfilled lying in the manger, they shared their song of joy with whomever would listen. Won’t you listen, now, as we hear their joyous song once again?

Song

The First Noel
Grades Pre–K–8

*The first Noel the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter’s night that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, Born is the King of Israel.*

Grades Pre–K

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.

Grades 1–2

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,

Grades Pre–K – 8

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

Song

Angels We Have Heard on High

Grades Pre-K-8

*Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains.
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing their joyous strains.
Refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo;
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

*Shepherds why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be?
Which inspire your heavenly son?
Refrain*

*Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing.
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Refrain*

Grades 1-2

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.

Song

Sing with Joy, Glad Voices Lift

Junior Choir

*Sing with joy, glad voices lift, Honor God, the highest Gift,
Who such wondrous deeds performs, Who sent His own beloved Son to save us,
Everlasting life through Him He gave us.
Truly, Truly! God was born of lowly maid. Out of His great love the Father willed it.
On this day did He appear, Christ Jesus dear, Immanuel,
Bring to us salvation, Saves from death and hell.*

*See how angels in the sky God in heaven glorify,
Sing as they the glad refrain Of peace on earth, good will to men and blessing,
Exultation in the song expressing, Truly, Truly!
So bless we the Christ Child then, Join their chorus, sing again with gladness:
Glory be to God on high, On earth be peace to men good will.
Joy and wonder evermore each heart may fill.*

Part Six: God's People Sing Psalm 98

Pastor Tonight's Christmas Song is reaching its conclusion. The song we have heard is both ancient and contemporary. Voices from the distant past have sung with joy over the Good News of the Savior, Jesus. But as ancient as their voices sound, their message rings true still today. The Savior has been born FOR YOU! The Good News is still true, today. The Savior, Jesus, came to save YOU and ME from our sins. So, then, join your voices with the children in Psalm 98.

Students Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Pastor The LORD has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

Cong. **He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Students Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music;

Pastor Make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn – shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

Cong. **Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it. Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;**

ALL **Let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.**

Song

Joy Has Dawned
Grades K-8

*Joy has dawned upon our world, promised from creation-
God's salvation now unfurled, hope for ev'ry nation.
Not with fanfares from above, not with scenes of glory;
But a humble gift of love – Jesus born of Mary.*

*Sounds of wonder fill the sky with the songs of angels,
As the mighty Prince of Life shelters in a stable.
Hands that set each star in place, shaped the earth in darkness,
Cling now to a mother's breast, vuln'erable and helpless.*

*Shepherds bow before the Lamb, gazing at the glory;
Gifts of men from distant lands prophesy the story.
Gold – a King is born today, Incense – God is with us,
Myrrh – His death will make a way and by His blood He'll win us.*

*Son of Adam, Son of Heav'n, given as a ransom;
Reconciling God and man, Christ, our mighty champion!
What a Savior! What a Friend! What a glorious myst'ry!
Once a babe in Bethlehem, Now the Lord of hist'ry.*

Prayers and Benediction

Song

Joy to the World
Grades K-8, Congregation

*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.*

Congregation

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**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.**

**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.**

A large, stylized graphic featuring a treble clef on the left, a musical staff with several notes, and a large, bold, black serif font. The text reads "SINGERS TO SING". The word "SINGERS" is on the left, "TO" is in the middle, and "SING" is on the right. The background is white with a faint, light gray snowflake pattern.

SINGERS **TO** **SING**

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2021

“Home for Christmas”



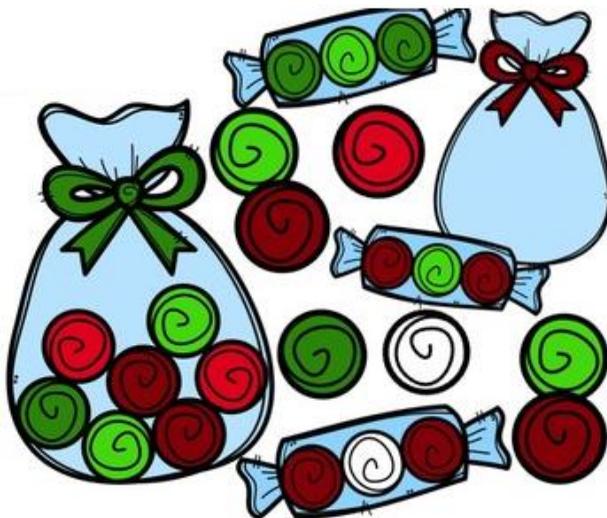
November 27,28	Advent 1	Regular schedule
December 1	Midweek Advent	7:00 p.m.
December 4,5	Advent 2	Regular schedule
December 8	Midweek Advent	7:00 p.m.
December 11,12	Advent 3	Regular schedule
December 15	Midweek Advent	7:00 p.m.
December 17	Children’s Service	6:30 p.m.
December 18,19	Advent 4	Regular schedule
December 24	Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols	3:30 p.m.
	Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols	7:00 p.m.
	Christmas Eve Candlelight Compline	11:00 p.m.
December 25	Christmas Day Festival with the Lord’s Supper	9:30 a.m.
	NO SATURDAY EVENING WORSHIP	
December 26	1 st Sunday after Christmas	Regular Schedule
December 31	New Year’s Eve with the Lord’s Supper	7:00 p.m.
January 1 & 2, 2022	Christmas 1	Regular schedule

Special Thanks

Ms. Dawn Aswege Director
Mrs. Kari Barksdale Piano
Mr. John McCarthy/Mr. Rick Jackson Audio/Visual
Various Alumni and Members of Area WELS Congregations Instrumentalists

Join us for worship at Calvary

December 24	Christmas Eve - Lessons and Carols	3:30 & 7:00 PM
December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Compline Service	11:00 PM
December 25	Christmas Day Festival	9:30 AM
December 31	New Year's Eve.....	7:00 PM



Candy Bags

Children are invited to take a candy bag from the ushers as they leave church. Calvary students will receive their bags from their teachers following the service. Please accept this candy bag as a gift of our congregation. We ask that you do not open the candy bags until you are home so that we can keep our facilities clean.