

Children's Christmas Service

Calvary Lutheran School



The Story of 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-clc/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.

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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.



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Pre-service

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Junior Choir

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

*O come, O Root of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell your people save, and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

*O come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*

Processional: (1-8/Cong.)

O Come, All Ye Faithful
Grades PreK-8

Grades 5-8

*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: O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

Grades 3-8

*Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest:
Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

Grades 3-8

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;

Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n!

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

Refrain: *O come, let us adore him, O come let us adore him,*

O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Grades PreK-8 and Congregation

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!

Pastor's Greeting

Narration

Welcome, Friends! Welcome, Parents and Children, Relatives and Neighbors! Welcome, Calvary Family. You have come here tonight to hear again the story of the Birth of Jesus Christ, our Savior, from the songs and recitation of the children of Calvary Lutheran School. Some say this is the Greatest Story ever Told. But, what is the origin of this story? In the beginning.... Apostle John writes, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning." (John 1:1-2) Jesus Christ is eternal. He was present when our world was created. He was present when Adam and Eve fell into sin and destroyed man's perfect relationship with God. God, our Father, sent His One and Only Son Jesus into this world to save us. At God's perfect time, "The Word (Jesus) became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)

Listen, Friends, as the students of Calvary Lutheran School share God's Grace and Truth - the Story of Jesus' Birth.

Song

King of Kings
Pre-Kindergarten

King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!

King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!

Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!

Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!

PART ONE: THE ANNOUNCEMENT

Since the beginning, the great empires of the world - the Egyptians, the Assyrians, the Babylonians, the Greeks - rose and fell. Apostle Paul writes Jesus' story to the Galatians, "But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship." (Galatians 4:4-5) It was time for God's grace and truth to be revealed to all the world. God sent his messenger, the angel Gabriel, to a lowly maid, Mary, and her espoused husband, Joseph. Listen as Gabriel tells the news.

Recitation

Luke 1: 26-38

Grades 5-6

Grade 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."

Girls

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be.

Grade 6

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."

Girls

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

Grade 5

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."

Girls

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

Song

Holy Is Your Name (Magnificat)

Mary and Upper Grade Girls

*My soul is filled with joy as I sing to God, my Savior.
You have looked upon your servant, you have visited your people.*

Refrain: *And holy is your name through all generations!
Everlasting is your mercy to the people you have chosen, and holy is your name.*

*I am lowly as a child, but I know from this day forward
That my name will be remembered, and the world will call me blessed.*

Refrain: *And holy is your name through all generations!
Everlasting is your mercy to the people you have chosen, and holy is your name.*

*I proclaim your pow'r, O God! You work wonders for your servants;
You have scattered the proud-hearted, you have lifted up the lowly.*

Refrain: *And holy is your name through all generations!
Everlasting is your mercy to the people you have chosen, and holy is your name.*

*To the hungry you give food, send the rich away with nothing.
In your mercy you are mindful of the people you have chosen.*

Refrain: *And holy is your name through all generations!
Everlasting is your mercy to the people you have chosen, and holy is your name.*

*In your love you now fulfill all you promised to your people.
I will praise you, God, my Savior, everlasting is your mercy.*

Refrain: *And holy is your name through all generations!
Everlasting is your mercy to the people you have chosen, and holy is your name.*

Recitation

Matthew 1:18-24

Grades 7-8

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.

Song

God So Loved the World

Grades K-8

*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.*

*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.*

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.*

*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:

*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.*

*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?*

PART TWO: THE BIRTH

The leader of the Roman Empire did not know our God was working out the salvation of all people. Caesar Augustus ordered the census, but the Story of Jesus was about to begin, God's plan of salvation. From the Prophet Isaiah, "Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel." (Isaiah 7:14) From the Prophet Micah, "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times." (Micah 5:2) Come to Bethlehem and see God's love for you.

Recitation

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.

Song

Away in a Manger
Grades Pre-K-8

Grades Pre-K-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.*

*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.*

Grades Pre-K-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.*

Song

Silent Night
Student Handbell Choir

Song

Silent Night
Grades Pre-K-8, Alumni, and Congregation

NOTE: Alumni received a candle prior to service. Gather in the side aisles as the song is introduced. A faculty member will start candle lighting in the side aisles during the singing of verse 1 with sign language. Alumni will join in singing the German stanza as well as the following stanzas. 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



Pre-K-8

*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.*

1-8 and 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!*

*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

1-8, Alumni, and 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.**

Musical Interlude as Alumni return to their seats. CONGREGATION MAY BE SEATED.

PART THREE: THE CELEBRATION

In the tiny town of Bethlehem, the Savior Jesus Christ was born. The news of God's Grace, His undeserved Love for sinful humankind, came first to lowly shepherds in the Judean hills. As Apostle Paul wrote, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ." (Ephesians 1:3). Heaven's realm opened that blessed night; the angels sang of the Grace and Truth of Jesus' birth. The shepherds could do nothing else, but to hurry to Bethlehem to worship. Come with us to see the Blessed Child.

Song

O Come, Little Children
Grades K-8

*O come little children, O come one and all,
To Bethlehem haste, to the manger so small,
God's Son for a gift has been sent you this night
To be your Redeemer, your joy and delight.*

*Kneel down and adore Him with shepherds today,
Lift up little hands now and praise Him as they;
Rejoice that a Savior from sin you can boast,
And join in the song of the heavenly host.*

Recitation

Luke 2:8-14
Grades K-8

Grade 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 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 heav'nly song?*

Refrain: *Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

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

Refrain: *Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

Song

Bethlehem Night

Cherub Choir

*On this night a King is born in a cattle shed.
Swaddling clothes will keep him warm in his manger bed.*

Refrain

*What a wonder, what a story, what a joyful sight!
Can this be another ordinary Bethlehem night?*

*Shepherds, watching flocks by night in the field nearby.
See an angel in great light! Glory fills the sky.*

Refrain

*Hear the angel share the news, tidings of great joy:
"Now a Savior comes to you, in this baby boy."*

Final Refrain

*What a wonder, what a story, what a joyful sight!
Love is come, our God is with us, on this Bethlehem night!*

Recitation

Luke 2:15-20

Grades 3-4

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.

Song

Lord, You Were Rich Beyond All Splendor

Junior Choir

*Lord, you were rich beyond all splendor, yet for love's sake, became so poor;
Leaving your throne in glad surrender, sapphire - paved courts for stable floor.
Lord, you were rich beyond all splendor, yet for love's sake, became so poor.*

*You are our God beyond all praising, yet, for love's sake became a man;
Stooping so low, but sinners raising heav'n-ward by your eternal plan.
You are our God beyond all praising, yet, for love's sake became a man.*

*Lord, you are love beyond all telling; Savior and King, we worship you.
Emmanuel, within us dwelling, make us and keep us pure and true.
Lord, you are love beyond all telling; Savior and King, we worship you*

Song

To Shepherds as They Watched by Night

Grades 3-8 and Congregation

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."*

*"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."*

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.**

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

Grades 3-8 and Congregation

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

**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**

CONGREGATION MAY BE SEATED

Song

Once in Royal David's City
Student Handbell Choir

PART FOUR: THE SENDING

Tonight we have shared the story of Jesus' birth. As Apostle John writes, " Grace and Truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made him known." (John 1:17-18) God wanted Jesus' story to be known. Months after Jesus' birth, God set a star in the sky to call Magi from the East to see the Christ Child. Travel with us to worship Jesus Christ.

Recitation

Matthew 2:1-11
Grades 5-8

Grade 6

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.

Grade 5

"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."

Grades 7-8

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.

Song

The First Noel

Grades PreK-8

*The first Noel, the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields where 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!*

*They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them far
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel!*

*And by the light of that same star
The Wise Men came from country far
To seek for a King was their intent
And to follow the star wherever it went
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel!*

*Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
Our God made Heaven and earth of nought
And with his blood all people bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel!*

PART FIVE: THE JOY

The writer of the Hebrews calls to us, “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12:2) This baby Jesus, born in Bethlehem, came to die on the cross for the sins of the world. On the third day, He rose victorious from the grave. Our salvation from sin is complete! Our eternal life with Jesus is secure! Our hearts are filled with Joy!

Join us as we confess the Story of Jesus.

Grades 3-8 and Congregation

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Song

Love Has Come

Junior Choir, Grades 1-8, and Congregation

Junior Choir

*Love has come, a light in the darkness! Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it; Hear how their song of joy arises:
Love! Love! Born unto you a Savior! Love! Love! Glory to God on high!*

Grades 5-8

*Love is born! Come share in the wonder. Love is God now asleep in the hay.
See the glow in the eyes of his mother; What is the name her heart is saying?
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers. Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.*

Grades 1-8 and Congregation

**Love has come and never will leave us!
Love is life everlasting and free.
Love is Jesus within and among us.
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.
Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!**

Prayer of the Church

Almighty God, by the incarnation of Your eternal Son, You revealed that You are love. Give us true faith in Christ and His promise that by His conception, virgin birth, holy life, sacrificial death and victorious resurrection, our sins are forgiven and we are Yours. Fill us with joy, and lead us to proclaim Your glad tidings to all people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, Your Son born in Bethlehem is the Son of David and the Lord of David, to whom every knee shall bow. Look upon those You have placed in authority, and grant that they would govern in wisdom and justice. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You love us and sent Your Son to be the atonement for our sins. Strengthen us to love one another. As You have mercy upon all who are poor and troubled, so perfect Your love in us, that we would gladly be Your instruments of help in time of need. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy Lord, in the birth of Your Son, You have visited and redeemed Your people. Continue to visit those who are lonely, sick, recovering or near death [*especially* _____]. Let Your presence be a comfort to them, and give them perseverance until the time You grant healing, relief, deliverance and peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank You, dear Lord, for the saints who received Your blessing of righteousness in Christ and now stand in the most holy place before Your throne. Preserve us by Your grace in the holiness of Christ, that we, too, may dwell in Your light and life for eternity; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Blessing

May God Almighty, who by the Incarnation of his only Son drove away the darkness of the world and by his glorious birth enlightened this most holy night, drive away from us the darkness of sins and enlighten our hearts with the light of Christian graces.

Amen.

Song

Joy to the World Grades PreK-8 and Congregation

Grades 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.*

Grades 3-8 and 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.**

Grades 5-8 and 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.**

Grades 5-8 and 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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Tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
Tune: French, 15th cent., alt.; setting: C. Winfred Douglas, 1867-1944
Scripture references: Isa 7:14; Mt 1:23; 20:28; Isa 11:1,10; Lk 1:78,79; Isa 22:22
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Hymn 337 – Silent Night, Holy Night

Text: Franz Joseph Mohr, 1792-1848; tr. John F. Young, 1820-1885
Tune: Franz Xaver Gruber, 1787-1863; setting: traditional
Scripture references: Lk 2:6-16; Col 1:13; Tit 2:11-14
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O Come, Little Children

Danish Carol, J.P. A. Schulz

Hymn 346 – Angels We Have Heard on High

Text: French; tr. The Crown of Jesus, Part 2, 1862, alt.
Tune: French; setting: Edward S. Barnes, 1887-1958
Scripture references: Lk 2:7-20
Text and music: public domain

Bethlehem Night

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Hymn 365 - Lord, You Were Rich Beyond All Splendor

Text: Frank Houghton, 1894-1972
Tune: French; setting: Martin F. Shaw, 1875-1958, alt.
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Hymn 335 – To Shepherds as They Watched by Night

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800-1887, alt.
Tune: Latin, 15th cent., adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621; setting: Cowley Carol Book, 1902
Scripture references: Lk 2:8-11; Heb 2:10-18
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The First Noel

Traditional, English

Love Has Come

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950
Tune: F. Seguin, Recueil de noels composes en langue provencale, 1856;
Setting: Evangelical Lutheran Worship, 2006
Scripture references: Lk 2:1-14; 1 Jn 4:8,9; Mt 1:18-25
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Hymn 353 – Joy to the World

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
Tune: George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759, adapt.; setting: Lowell Mason, 1793-1872
Scripture references: Ps 98; Ge 3:17-19; Rev 22:1-5; Jn 1:17
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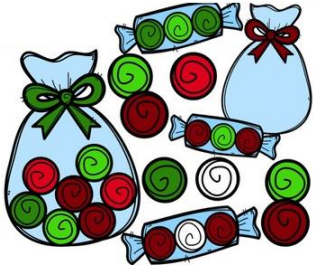
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Join us for worship at Calvary

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 3:30 & 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 from our congregation. We ask that you do not open the candy bags until you are home so that we can keep our facilities clean.

We're Glad You're Here!

Welcome to our guests and visitors who have joined us for worship on this festival evening. A blessed Christmas to all of you!

“Glory to the newborn King!” The refrain of the familiar Christmas hymn invites us to proclaim that Christ is born in Bethlehem. With tonight’s service we celebrate God coming into the history of our earth in person - in the person of a baby born in Bethlehem. “This is my beloved Son!” God proclaimed this years later when Jesus arrived at the Jordan River at the time of His baptism. But already at the time of His birth, Jesus’ special nature was established as God in the flesh - in our human flesh! We express our thankfulness and our joy at that blessed coming!

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Large Print Service Folders

Large print service folders of this evening’s worship are available in the entry area. If you need assistance locating one, please ask an usher for help.

Our Facilities

Our restrooms are in the narthex toward the back right as you exit the sanctuary. The members of Calvary believe that families should be encouraged to worship together. If your young child needs to be quieted, we have audio/video available in the narthex and audio in the restrooms. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.