

Children's Christmas Service

Calvary Lutheran School



God So Loved the World

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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

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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

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Processional

338 – On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

Grades PreK-8

*On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring,
On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news the angels bring.
News of great joy, news of great mirth, news of our merciful King's birth.*

*When sin departs before His Grace, then life and health come in its place,
When sin departs before His Grace, then life and health come in its place.
Angels and saints with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.*

*All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night,
All out of darkness we have light, which made the angels sing this night:
"Glory to God and peace to all now and forever-more. Amen."*

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Recitation

John 3:16

Grades PreK-8

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Message

John 3:16

Narration

Seven hundred years before the birth of Jesus, the prophet Isaiah spoke the good news for all nations.

Recitation

Isaiah 60:1-3

Grades 7-8

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Narration

Just as the glory of the LORD led the Israelites out of the bondage in Egypt, now Jesus was born to free all the people of the world from sin, death, and the power of the devil. God so loved the world. Tonight we rejoice with all Christians as we sing Christmas songs from all around the world.

Narration

Christianity came to the African continent quite early. In the book of Acts, a man from Ethiopia heard the gospel message from Philip. This song from Cameroon carries the same gospel message.

Hymn

He Came Down (West African Carol)

Grades PreK-8

He came down that we may have love (light, peace, joy)

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Hallelujah forevermore.

Narration

Thousands of years ago, God gave his prophet Isaiah a sign to know the promise of Immanuel “God with us” was coming. Two thousand years ago God sent the Angel Gabriel to Mary and Joseph to announce the birth of the Savior Jesus.

The time for the glory of the LORD to be revealed had come. The redemption of all people from sin had come. The prophet Isaiah spoke of the sign. God sent the angel Gabriel to Mary and Joseph to announce the good news.

Recitation

Isaiah 7:14

Grades 5-8

Isaiah 7:14

Grades 5,6

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

Matthew 1:21 (The Angel Gabriel to Joseph)

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.”

Luke 1: 31-33 (The Angel Gabriel to Mary)

Grades 7,8

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.”.

Narration

Mary responded to this good news with faith and joy. Listen to this modern version of her song, the Magnificat, set to a Scottish hymn tune.

Hymn

956 – Holy is Your Name (*Magnificat*)

Grades 3-8 – verses; grades K-2 - refrain

*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*

*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*

*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*

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

Narration

The time had come for the Baby Jesus to be born. The setting was a lowly stable in the village of Bethlehem. This traditional Hispanic lullaby “Duérmete, Niño Lindo” celebrates our love for baby Jesus. Duérmete, Niño, lindo, en los brazos del amor mientras duerme y descansa la pena de mi dolor.

Anthem

Oh, Sleep, My Dear Little Baby [A La Ru] *(Spanish Folk Song)*
Cherub Choir

*Oh, sleep my dear little baby in your mother's arms of love.
I will protect you and hold you while angels sing from above.*

A la ru, A la me, A la ru, A la me, A la ru, A la me, A la ru, A la ru, A la me.

*Oh, do not fear the future and the sorrow it may bring.
Rest in the arms of your mother and calmly sleep while I sing.*

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.

Narration

From the quiet of this Bethlehem night, we move to a lively and upbeat carol from the West Indies. We will hear how Mary treasured and pondered the details of Jesus' birth. But, Christmas is also a joyful celebration. This next carol comes from the jubilant Caribbean culture.

Anthem

The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy *(Jamaican Carol)*
Grades PreK-8

The virgin Mary had a baby boy, And they say that his name is Jesus.

Refrain:

He come from the glory, He come from the glorious kingdom. ...

The angels sang that the baby was born. And they say that his name is Jesus. Refrain

The shepherds came where the baby was born. And they say that his name is Jesus. Refrain

Narration

God's love came to the world through the gift of His Son, Jesus. No one on earth needs to be terrified by sin or the circumstances of life and death. God's angels brought the good news to the lowly shepherds.

Recitation

Luke 2:8-12

Grades PreK-2

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.

Grade PreK

This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Narration

Like the shepherds, we know and trust the good news of Jesus. Like the shepherds, we leave the things of this world simply to follow Jesus. This African American spiritual reminds us to follow Jesus as the shepherds did that night.

Anthem

Rise Up Shepherd and Follow (*African American Spiritual*)

Grades K-8

*There's a star in the east on Christmas morn, Rise up shepherd, and follow.
It will lead to the place where the Savior's born, Rise up shepherd, and follow.*

Refrain

*Follow, follow, Rise up, shepherd, and follow.
Follow the star of Bethlehem, Rise up, shepherd, and follow.*

*If you take good heed of the angel's words, Rise up shepherd, and follow.
You'll forget your flocks, you'll forget your herds, Rise up shepherd, and follow. Refrain*

Narration

The shepherds heard the most incredible angel choir singing God's praises, telling of the peace the Savior would bring to all nations. Glory to God in the highest! This traditional French carol proclaims the angel's words in its Latin refrain: Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Hymn

346 – Angels We Have Heard on High
Grades PreK-8 and Congregation

*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!*

*Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
which inspire your heavenly song?
Gloria in excelsis Deo!*

Congregation joins to sing:

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!

Recitation

Luke 2:13,14
Grades PreK-2

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.”

Anthem

Glory to God in the Highest
Junior Choir

*Glory to God in the highest, peace to all people on earth.
Fearful were the shepherds, awed and full of dread.
“Do not be afraid”, the shining angel said. “Come to David’s city,
come behold the maid, and her wondrous baby in the manger laid.” Gloria in excelsis!*

*Glory to God in the highest, peace to all people on earth.
Word made flesh among us, full of truth and grace;
Light of all in darkness, Savior of our race.
Swaddling clothes adore him, light of dreary morn.
Come, let us adore him; Christ, our King, is born! Gloria in excelsis!*

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.

Narration

The shepherds returned home after seeing the Christ child. But they did not go quietly. They returned glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen. Throughout all time, Christians have worshiped God. They cannot stop glorifying and praising God for the gift of Jesus, our Savior. This well-known spiritual song comes from unknown origins. Somewhere in early America, Christians were praising Jesus with this song, and we continue to praise today.

Hymn

361 – Go, Tell It on the Mountain
Grades PreK-8 and Congregation

Refrain

*Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born.*

*While shepherds kept their watching
o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens
there shone a holy light. Refrain*

*The shepherds feared and trembled
when, lo, above the earth,
Rang out the angel chorus
that hailed our Savior's birth. Refrain*

Congregation joins to sing:
***Down in the lowly manger
the humble Christ was born,
And God sent us salvation
that blessed Christmas morn. Refrain***

Narration

What Christmas joy we have as we echo the angels' words! God's plan to rescue the world from hell was fulfilled. God's love sent His only Son for us. He willingly made the sacrifice to welcome us back into his family so all people might sing a song of eternal joy. Listen to this Mandarin carol from China.

Anthem

Holy Night, Blessed Night [Sheng Ye Qing, Sheng Ye Jing] (Mandarin Carol)
Grades 3-8

*Holy night, blessed night,
Stars shine brightly, earth is still.
Hills and valleys, fields and woodlands,
All surround the small town Bethlehem.
In a manger Christ the Lord sleeps.*

*Holy night, blessed night,
Angels sing praise, shepherds fear.
Earth and heaven ring with praises,
Alleluia all creation sings.
Tell the good news: Christ is born now.*

*Holy night, blessed night,
Christ has come down, dwells with us.
Sacrifice, love, peace, salvation
Shine upon us like the morning sun.
Grace and glory bless the whole world.*

Narration

The most famous Christmas carol was written for Christmas in 1818 by Joseph Mohr, the pastor at St. Nicholas Church in Oberndorf, Austria. On December 24, Pastor Mohr gave a poem to organist Franz Gruber and asked that he set it to music with guitar accompaniment. On the same evening, Mr. Gruber gave the simple composition to his pastor.

Carol

337 – Silent Night

Grades Pre-K-8, Alumni, and Congregation

NOTE: Alumni received a candle prior to service. After the Calvary students walk to the center aisle, 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.

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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.*

Interlude: After the Calvary students walk to the center aisle, alumni are invited to walk forward in side aisles with lit candles

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!*

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.

Narration

God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son. To share the good news of the birth of Jesus, God created a special star to guide the Eastern Magi to the Savior. King Herod tried to stop them, but God’s power was greater. The Magi worshiped the Christ Child and returned to their lands to share the Gospel message. Joy has dawned upon the world! Noel - Christ is Born!

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.”

Grade 7 and 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.

Anthem

African Noel (*African American Spiritual*)

Junior Choir

Sing Noel. Sing we all Noel.

Message

Revelation 7:9,10

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.”

Hymn

352 – Joy Has Dawned
Grades 1-8 and Congregation

*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.*

Congregation joins to sing:

***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.***

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

353 – 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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Holy Night, Blessed Night

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Silent Night

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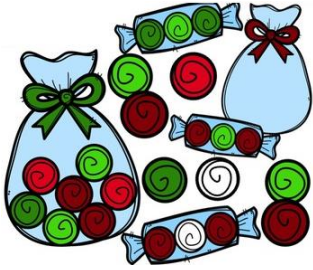
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We're Glad You're Here!

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!

If you would like to know more about Calvary, visit our website: calvarydallas.org

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.