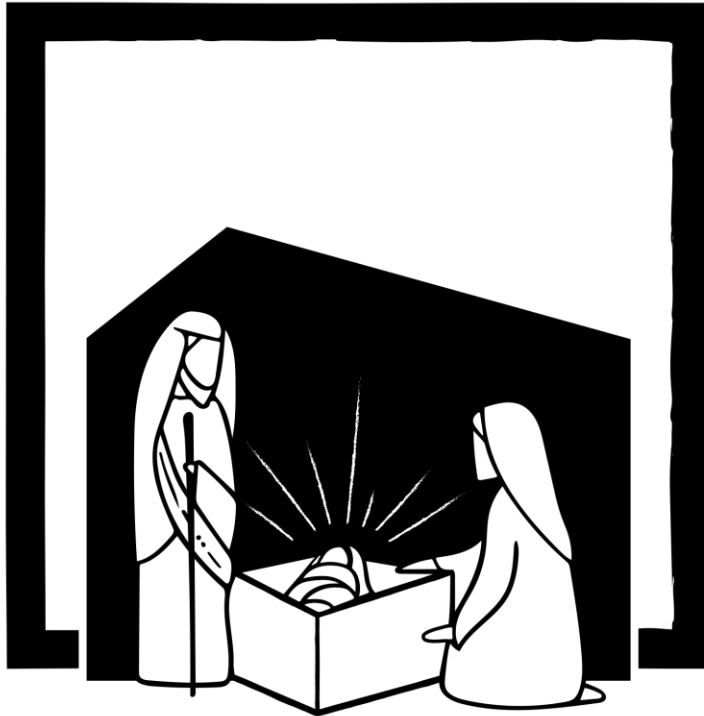


# Christmas Day Worship

## The Festival of the Nativity of Our Lord



# A SAVIOR IS BORN

## A Savior Born to Dwell Among Us

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## **WELCOME TO CALVARY**

Welcome to our guests and visitors who have joined us for worship on this festival day. 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. Today 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](http://calvarydallas.org)

## **LARGE PRINT SERVICE FOLDERS**

Large print service folders of this morning’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.*

## **OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE**

We believe that gathering together at God’s altar to receive Holy Communion is a testimony of the confession and commitment we share as members of the Lutheran Church. We ask guests who are not members of our Lutheran denomination to speak with one of the pastors before joining us at the altar so that all may have a clear understanding of our faith and practice. Thank you.

## OPENING HYMN

O, Come, All Ye Faithful (354)



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O  
2 God from true God, and Light from Light e - ter - nal,  
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,  
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come\_ ye to Beth - le - hem!  
born of a vir - gin, to earth he comes!  
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove!  
Je - sus, to thee\_ be all glo - ry giv'n!



Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels:  
On - ly - be - got - ten Son of God the Fa - ther:  
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est:  
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:



*Refrain*

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

## GREETING

*Please stand*

Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.

**Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will. **Amen.**

## Prayer and Praise

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

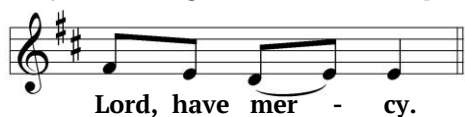
For the conviction that you are the Son of God, and that you were born in Bethlehem to keep the Law perfectly in our place and to give you life into death for our redemption, hear our prayer, O Lord.



For the determination to proclaim the Gospel of forgiveness to all the world and to administer the Sacraments faithfully according to your institution, hear our prayer, O Christ.



For your blessing on us as a fellowship of believers, eager to do your will, hear our prayer, O Lord.



Merciful Lord, you are the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.



The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise:

## HYMN OF PRAISE

## A Glory Fills the Midnight Sky (357)



1 A glo - ry fills the mid - night sky and splen - dors  
2 This home - less child to shep - herds shown, an in - fant



blaze a - broad, a her - ald sent from God on high, the  
king new - born, has come to make a cross his throne, his



an - gel of the Lord; the shep - herds trem - ble  
crown a crown of thorn; the Son of God to



at his voice and ter - ror - struck are dumb, but  
save us all, to bear our earth - ly pains, this



at his news let earth re - joice, her prom - ised King has come.  
child with - in the cat - tle - stall as King of glo - ry reigns!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that the birth of your only Son in the flesh may set us free from our old bondage under the yoke of sin; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - - men

*Be seated*



## The Word

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 52:7-10

*Those who announce the birth of our Savior have beautiful feet!*

<sup>ISAIAH 52:7</sup>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!”

<sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

<sup>10</sup>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.

### PSALM 98

Joy to the World (353)

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her King;  
Let ev’ry heart prepare him room  
And heav’n and nature sing,  
And heav’n and nature sing,  
And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

2 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 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 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.

## SECOND READING

Hebrews 1:1-9

*Today the “only begotten from eternity” becomes a literal son.*

HEBREWS 1:1 In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. <sup>3</sup>The Son is the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. <sup>4</sup>So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs.

<sup>5</sup>For to which of the angels did God ever say,

“You are my Son; today I have become your Father “?

Or again,

“I will be his Father, and he will be my Son”?

<sup>6</sup>And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says,

“Let all God’s angels worship him.”

<sup>7</sup>In speaking of the angels he says,

“He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire.”

<sup>8</sup>But about the Son he says,

“Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom. <sup>9</sup>You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy.”

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Go Tell It on the Mountain (361)



Go, tell it on the moun-tain, o-ver the hills, and ev - 'ry - where;



go, tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born.



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,



be-hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.

# GOSPEL

John 1:1-14

John's "theological" account of the first Christmas.

<sup>1</sup>JOHN 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning.

<sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and that life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.

<sup>6</sup>There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light that gives light to every man was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. <sup>11</sup>He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. <sup>12</sup>Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God-- <sup>13</sup>children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

<sup>14</sup>The Word 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.

*Be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Of the Father's Love Begotten (358)



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -  
2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed when the vir - gin,  
3 This is he whom seers and sa - ges sang of old with  
4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him, an - gel hosts his  
5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,  
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,  
one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets  
prais - es sing, pow'rs, do - min - ions bow be - fore him  
Ghost, to thee hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing





he the source, the end - ing he,  
 bore the Sav - ior of our race,  
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word.  
 and ex - tol our God and King.  
 and un - end - ing prais - es be,



of the things that are, that have been,  
 and the babe, the world's Re - deem - er,  
 Now he shines, the long - ex - spect - ed;  
 Let no tongue on earth be si - lent,  
 hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion



and that fu - ture years shall see ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 first re - vealed his sa - cred face ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 let cre - a - tion praise its Lord ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring ev - er - more and ev - er - more.  
 and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

**SERMON**

Hebrews 1:2

**He Came to Tell Us Good News!**

*Sermon notes:*

*After the sermon, please stand*

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

## The Athanasian Creed: Part 1

It is furthermore necessary for eternal salvation truly to believe that our Lord Jesus Christ also took on human flesh. Now this is the true Christian faith:

**We believe and confess that our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, is both God and man.**

He is God, eternally begotten from the nature of the Father, and he is man, born in time from the nature of his mother, fully God, fully man, with rational soul and human flesh,  
**equal to the Father as to his deity, less than the Father as to his humanity;**

and though he is both God and Man, Christ is not two persons but one,  
**one, not by changing the deity into flesh, but by taking the humanity into God;**

one, indeed, not by mixture of the natures, but by unity in one person;  
**for just as the rational soul and flesh are one human being, so God and man are one Christ.**

He suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose the third day from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, and from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

At his coming all people will rise with their own bodies to answer for their personal deeds.

**Those who have done good will enter eternal life, but those who have done evil will go into eternal fire.**

This is the true Christian faith.

**Whoever does not faithfully and firmly believe this cannot be saved.**

*Please be seated*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MUSICAL OFFERING

We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of God's Kingdom here and throughout the world.

Offerings can be given in any of four ways:

1. Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary
2. On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>
3. On your phone with the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app
4. Scan the QR code to the right...



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## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Family of God, Christ our Savior is born and our salvation has been revealed, in keeping with the promises made so long ago.

**Oh, come, let us adore him.**

Lord God, Father of us all, You provided Your Son an earthly mother to bear and provide for Him. You instructed Joseph to take Mary as his wife, and thus to provide for Jesus' physical needs. Thank You for the gift of parents, who serve as "masks" of Your loving care. Bless all parents everywhere with the wisdom, the patience, the love and the good humor they need to train their children in the way they should go. We ask it in the name of the newborn King:

**Oh, come, let us adore him.**

Lord of the nations, the psalmist says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord". We are Your people, and You have made us citizens of a nation that is so richly blessed in so many ways. We pray for the leaders of our country; give them wise and discerning hearts. May they make, administer and interpret our laws in keeping with Your will. We ask it in the name of Jesus, who is the King of kings:

**Oh, come, let us adore him.**

It is true, dear God, that even after 2,000 years, many people still live as enemies of the truth of the Gospel. We who are here today may not be able to reach huge numbers of people, but we *can* reach out to the ones who live and work around us. Make us willing, Father. King David said, "O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise" (Ps. 51:15); do the same for us today! Bring the lost to faith in Jesus Christ. He is the Savior of the *world*:

**Oh, come, let us adore him.**

Lord Jesus, many of Your followers are being brutally persecuted — even killed — because they will not deny their faith. They suffer so much, and their boldness and courage are an incredible testimony that can even lead their persecutors to believe in You and be saved! Watch over them, Lord. Bless them with Your presence even in the darkest times. Give them the strength to endure, and inspire us through their sufferings, so that we are willing to serve You too. Preserve Your Church, O God, until that day when every knee will bow and every tongue confess, "Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Oh, come, let us adore him."**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, 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.



## The Sacrament

*Please stand*

### PREFACE and SEASONAL SENTENCE

The Lord be with you.



And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. When the time had fully come, he sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory forever and ever.

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Hosanna to the Coming Lord (vs. 1,3)

1. Hosanna to the coming Lord!  
Hosanna to the incarnate Word!  
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King  
Let earth, let heav'n hosanna sing.
3. O Advent King, our sins forgive;  
Come in our lives and hearts to live,  
And let our humble souls become  
A temple worthy of your name.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

O Jesus, Lamb of God, You Are (vs. 1,2)

1. O Jesus, Lamb of God, you are  
My comfort and my guiding star;  
I come, a sinner, trustingly  
And bring my many sins with me.
2. O Lord, my sin indeed is great;  
I groan beneath the dreadful weight.  
Be merciful to me, I pray;  
Take guilt and punishment away.

## DISTRIBUTION

*The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.*

*Please be seated*

# DISTRIBUTION HYMN

# Angels from the Realms of Glory (347)



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, wing your  
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing  
 3 Ma - gi, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er  
 4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing  
 5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the



flight o'er all the earth; once you sang cre -  
 o'er your flocks by night, God with us is  
 vi - sions beam a - far; seek the great de -  
 long in hope and fear, sud - den - ly the  
 Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son, ev - er - more your



a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:  
 now re - sid - ing; yon - der shines the in - fant light.  
 sire of na - tions, you have seen the Sav - ior's star.  
 Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear.  
 voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One.

*Refrain*



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship,



wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.



# Thanksgiving

Please stand

## PRAYER

Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.



## CLOSING HYMN

Let All Together Praise Our God (355, vs. 1,4-5)



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God be - fore his  
4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, puts on our  
5 He serves that I a lord may be— a great ex -



high - est throne; to - day he o - pens heav'n a - gain and  
hu - man frame, and in re - turn gives us his realm, his  
change in - deed! Could Je - sus' love do more for me to



gives us his own Son, and gives us his own Son.  
glo - ry, and his name, his glo - ry, and his name.  
help me in my need, to help me in my need?

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Scripture references: Lk 2:15

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## Hymn 357 – A Glory Fills the Midnight Sky

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Tune: English; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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Tune: African-American spiritual; setting: Hugh Porter, 1897-1960

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Tr. Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877, st. 5, alt.

Tune: plainsong, 13<sup>th</sup> cent.

Scripture references: Ac 13:32,33; Heb 1:1-9; Ps 2:7; Lk 1:26-38; Ps 148; Php 2:9-11

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Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813-1879

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