



**November 27, 2022**

*First Sunday in Advent*

Calvary Lutheran Church  
Minneapolis, MN

Welcome to

# Calvary Lutheran Church

We at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church are committed to being a radically loving and welcoming community of faith, centered in the Good News of Jesus Christ. We believe that the Gospel is God's gift to all people to be shared unconditionally.

Calvary welcomes all people who have been excluded because of cultural or ethnic background, race, physical or mental abilities, socio-economic or family status, gender, or age. This welcome includes persons who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender, their partners and families.

We are a diverse group of believers, redeemed and united in the one body of Christ. This diversity enriches, nourishes and challenges our ministry. Be assured, "You are no longer strangers and aliens, but fellow citizens and members of God's household."  
*Ephesians 2:19*

*Calvary is a Reconciling in Christ congregation  
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)*

As a community of faith, we at Calvary Lutheran acknowledge that our church was formed on the ancestral homelands of the Wahpekute Band and other bands of the Dakota Nation. The Dakota were forcibly removed from their homelands. With God's help, we strive to repair ongoing injustices and grow toward right relationships with Indigenous people.

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Congregation responses are in **bold**

*The Greening of the Church is an age-old form of worship around the world.  
Celebrated at the beginning of Advent, we prepare for the coming of Christ by  
adorning our sanctuary with traditional decorations.*

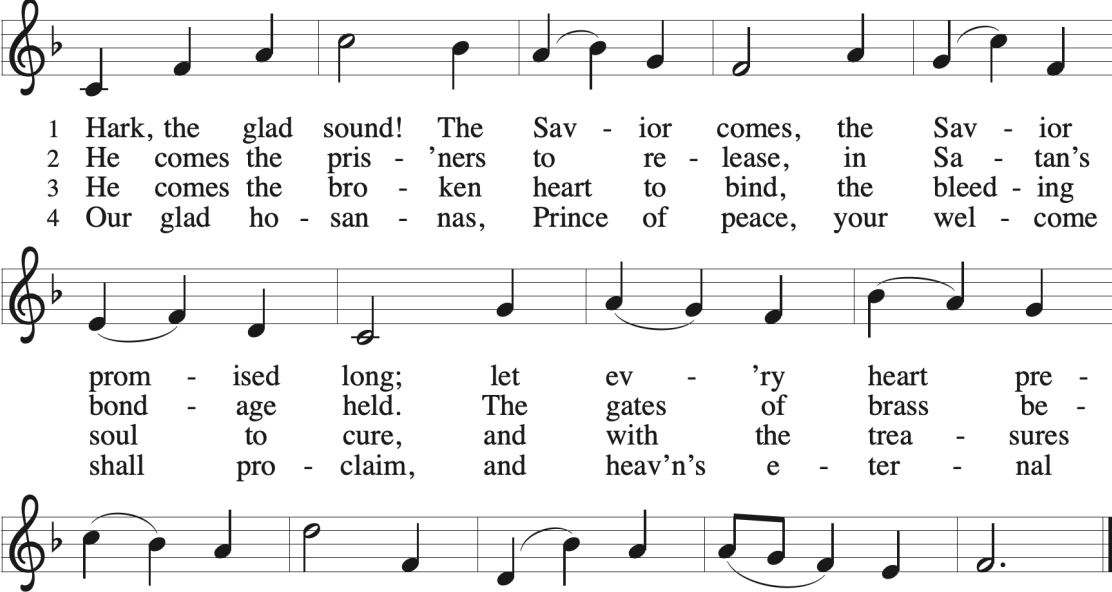
*Advent is a season of preparing - not only to look back and remember Christ's  
coming as the baby Jesus, but also to anticipate Christ's coming into the world; God is  
coming to meet us - and be born in us - every day and in many ways.*

## PRELUDE

## GATHERING HYMN

### Hark, the Glad Sound

ELW 239



1 Hark, the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, the Sav - ior  
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, in Sa - tan's  
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing  
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of peace, your wel - come

prom - ised long; let ev - 'ry heart pre -  
bond - age held. The gates of brass be -  
soul to cure, and with the trea - sures  
shall pro - claim, and heav'n's e - ter - nal

pare a throne and ev - 'ry voice a song.  
fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.  
of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.  
arch - es ring with your be - lov - ed name.

## WELCOME

## THE MEANING OF THE SERVICE

Today is the First Sunday in Advent. Advent means arrival.

**In this Season of Advent, we prepare ourselves and the world for the coming Messiah.**

Advent means appearance.

**We practice patience as we wait to see, hear, taste, smell and feel Immanuel --  
God-with-us -- appearing in the here and now.**

Consumerism and materialism dull our senses to the extraordinary beauty of the Divine becoming human flesh.

We want Christmas now. Advent invites us to develop patience, to learn the power of hope, and the joy of expectation.

Advent is not merely preparation for remembering the occurrence of Jesus' birth 2000 years ago. Advent points us to the hope of Christ coming again - every day.

Advent makes prophets of us all.

We are called to prepare ourselves, our church and our world for the approach of Christ, the Light of the World.

This morning, as we prepare this sanctuary for our celebrations of Advent and Christmas, we practice preparing our homes, our lives and our hearts for the birth of Christ, here and now!

## NARRATION

### HYMN OF PRAISE

### Blessed be the God of Israel

ELW 250



1 Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free  
3 My child, as proph - et of the Lord you will pre - pare the way,



and rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree.  
to tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway.



So have the proph - ets long de - clared that with a might - y arm  
Then shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease



God would turn back our en - e - mies and all who wish us harm.  
to drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

## TRADITION: EVERGREENS

### NARRATION

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray: Creator God, we look to the turning seasons and see your ever-changing beauty explode in splendor. The new life of spring becomes summer's full blooms. The grandeur of summer becomes autumnal richness. As fall mellows to winter, your whole creation invites humanity to rest, reflect and be renewed.

In this Season of Advent, embolden us to see you being born among us, again. Return our hearts to hope and joy. Turn us again to see the dawn of your New Day, your Light emerging on the horizon. Fill us with love and peace as you come to live among us, now. In Christ we pray.

AMEN

## TRADITION: THE PARAMENTS & ADVENT COLORS

### NARRATION

## HYMN

## As the Dark Awaits the Dawn

ELW 261

1 As the dark a - waits the dawn,  
2 As the blue ex - pec - tant hour,  
3 As the moon re - flects the sun  
4 Shine your fu - ture on this place,

so we a - wait your light. O Star of  
be - fore the sil - v'ring skies, we long to  
un - til the night's de - crease, may we your  
en - light - en ev - 'ry guest, that through us

prom - ise, scat - ter night, lov - ing bright, lov - ing  
see your day a - rise, whole and wise, whole and  
heal - ing light re - lease, liv - ing peace, liv - ing  
stream your ho - li - ness, bright and blest, bright and

bright, till shades of fear are gone.  
wise, O lu - cent Morn - ing Star.  
peace, un - to your ho - ly dawn.  
blest; come dawn, O Sun of grace.

## TRADITION: THE ADVENT WREATH & CANDLES

*John 1:1-9*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>The Word was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through the Word, and without the Word not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

## NARRATION

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

As we light this first candle on the Advent wreath, we focus on being good listeners during this season of waiting.

What sounds will we hear? What does it mean to listen for love?

Listen, God is calling. Listen, Christ is coming. Listen, someone needs your love.

**Jesus is born in our listening. Above all things may we put on love, which holds all things together.**

Let us pause now to open our hearts and listen for love.

*light the first candle*

May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, as we listen for love together.

**Open our ears to Christmas. AMEN**



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the  
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav-en has come to pro - claim it;  
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to  
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
 gift of Christ-mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

## SERMON

## MEDITATION

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

*After each petition offered:* God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

As we remember these evergreens, symbols of peace and joy, we share God's peace among us. The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## OFFERING

TRADITION: THE NATIVITY SCENE  
NARRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Mother/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.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

COMMUNION HYMN

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

ELW 257

1) 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.

6) O come, O Dayspring, come and cheer;  
O Sun of justice, now draw near.  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadow put to flight. *Refrain*

7) O come, O King of nations, come,  
O Cornerstone that binds in one:  
refresh the hearts that long for you;  
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*

COMMUNION BLESSING

ANNOUNCEMENTS



## BENEDICTION

As the angels came near to Earth to share the good news, let us go and do likewise. As we go, we are sent with God's blessing:

May the turning seasons stir us to wonder and hope.

May the Divine-become-Human inspire us to return to God in joy and humility.

May prophetic witness embolden a cultural revolution toward justice and peace.

AMEN

## SENDING HYMN

### Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn

ELW 242 vv. 1 & 4

1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for  
4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though

an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for  
dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall

soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.  
crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.

Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -  
Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less

geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and  
sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and

lives now in - side us for - ev - er.  
bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is coming - prepare the way!

Thanks be to God!

## On the Calendar

### Sunday, Nov. 27

10:00 a.m. Worship (in-person & online)

### Tuesday, Nov. 29

8:00 p.m. Community of Calm Group

### Friday, Dec. 2

1:30 p.m. Friday discussion group (online)

### Sunday, Dec. 4

10:00 a.m. Worship (in-person & online)

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

## Attendance & Offering

Nov. 20 attendance: 44 (39 in person, 5 online)

This month offering: \$7,940

Monthly 2022 budget: \$14,679

Year-to-date 2022 budget: \$165,003

Year-to-date 2022 actual offering: \$151,536

Annual Budget for 2022: \$181,150

## Worship Leaders

| Week of                            | Nov. 27                      | Dec. 4                        |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Presiding Minister</b>          | Pastor Kjell Ferris          | Pastor Kjell Ferris           |
| <b>Assisting Minister</b>          | Joani Moberg                 | Emilie Bouvier                |
| <b>Lector</b>                      |                              | Josh Moberg                   |
| <b>Ushers</b>                      | McCarthy family              | Judi Linder<br>Jaiana Leggett |
| <b>Sacristan</b>                   | Joani Moberg<br>Caleb Moberg | Linda Mundt                   |
| <b>Livestream/<br/>Sound Board</b> | Sarah Shepherd               | Mark Smith                    |
| <b>Musician</b>                    | Ben Larson                   | Ben Larson                    |
| <b>Counters</b>                    | No counters                  | Judith Glass<br>Lyle Jaeger   |



Join us for **coffee hour** following worship on selected Sundays. Our upcoming schedule includes December 4, 11, and 18. Feel free to move to the fellowship hall at St. Paul's San Pablos for a time to visit.

Please Bring Your Own Cup (BYOC) if you are able. And don't worry, we will always stock extra cups for visitors and forgetters!

Also, rumor has it that coffee hour rotations may be starting again in the new year. Stay tuned!

*Hark, the Glad Sound!:* text Philip Doddridge, 1702-1751; music CHESTERFIELD, Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

*Blessed Be the God of Israel:* text Carl P. Daw, Jr., b. 1944, based on Luke 1:68-79, © 1989 Hope Publishing Co., used by permission; music FOREST GREEN, English folk tune

*As the Dark Awaits the Dawn:* text Susan Palo Cherwien, 1953-2021, © 1996 Susan Palo Cherwien, admin. Augsburg Fortress; music LUCENT, Carl F. Schalk, 1929-2021, © 1997 Augsburg Fortress

*Love Has Come:* text Ken Bible, b. 1950, © 1996 Integrity's Hosanna! Music (ASCAP); music UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin

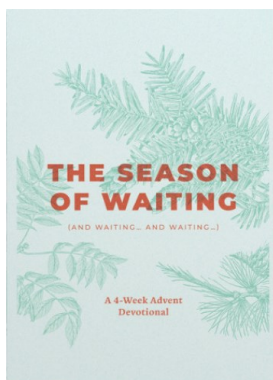
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## ADVENT DEVOTIONAL



For anyone who might be interested, the Calvary Care team would like to share the following link to free Advent Devotions by Kate Bowler, theologian at Duke University.

While not specifically Lutheran, her prior work makes room for acknowledging uncertainty and mourning (informed by her stage IV cancer diagnosis), so we hope this might be a meaningful connection for continuing our congregational focus of the past weeks.

<https://tinyurl.com/52kmefx7>

## MOVIE NIGHT!

The Race Equity Committee is hosting a movie night on Saturday, December 10, from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at St. Paul's/San Pablo's. We will watch the movie, *A Time for Burning*, a 1966 American documentary film that explores the attempts of the minister of Augustana Lutheran Church in Omaha, Nebraska, to persuade his all-white congregation to reach out to "Negro" Lutherans in the city's north side." (Wikipedia). Following the movie will be guided conversations about the movie. Pizza will be provided.

If you have any questions, contact Sarah Shepherd at [sel2682@gmail.com](mailto:sel2682@gmail.com) or (612) 819-9044.



The Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center (CAFAC) has been asked to create a large-scale public art piece reflective of three stakeholders in the Calvary Community: the Calvary Congregation, Calvary Food Shelf, and Urban Arts Academy. Representatives from Chicago Avenue Fire Arts Center were present at Calvary on Sept. 11 for the final on-site worship service and were set up in the courtyard. They received input from the people who visited with them about how the new artwork might reflect values these people felt were important.

The people at CAFAC gave people a form to take home, but they haven't received any responses in the mail. They have created a Google Document that contains information received on Sept. 11 and they are asking Calvary members and friends continue to add to the shared document to let your voices be added to the list they have started. (Follow the link in the weekly email and add your notes to the document.)

Your input is important as CAFAC moves forward with this project!

## In Our Prayers

- for those with compromised immune systems or health conditions that make them vulnerable
- for those who live alone and are separated from their family and friends
- for all who live in fear at this time: immigrants, the disabled/differently-abled, the LGBTQ community, Muslims, Latinos, those working on eco-justice and climate change, the poor and vulnerable, Blacks & African Americans
- for the people of our sister synods, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Nigeria, and the Lutheran Church in Leipzig
- for those in our community celebrating birthdays, including Maren Hinderlie (12/1), and Soren Davidson (12/2)
- for those in our community celebrating their anniversary
- for family and friends we know who are recovering from surgery, ill or grieving, for their families and caregivers:

Henrietta Williams (requests prayers from the community for her strength and endurance as she faces health issues)

Fred Beamish (has had surgery and is healing well)

Bonnie Rae (in transitional care)

Nancy Lee Nelson (dealing with lung damage)

Julie Anderson (dealing with chronic pain)

George Robson (as he recovers from a stroke)

Siobhan Nelson (niece-in-law of Mary & Karen Nelson, has experienced a recurrence of cancerous tumors and is resuming a treatment plan)

*If you wish to add or remove a prayer request,  
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