

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2023

Calvary Lutheran Church

Topeka, Kansas

Today at Calvary Lutheran Church, we celebrate our Lord's Supper. If you are a member in good standing of an LCMS congregation, we welcome you to the fellowship of our Lord's Body and Blood at this table. However, if you are a guest, whether from another LCMS congregation or elsewhere, and would like to receive the Lord's Body and Blood in this Sacrament and the forgiveness that He has won by them, we kindly ask that you speak with the pastor before the service.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING FIVE

Lutheran Service Book P. 213–218

**Indicates to Stand*

ANNOUNCEMENTS and *OPENING PRAYER

OPENING HYMN:

"Once in Royal David's City"

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1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y Stood a
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en, Who is
 3 For He is our child - hood's pat - tern, Day by
 4 And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His
 5 Not in that poor, low - ly sta - ble With the



low - ly cat - tle shed, Where a moth - er laid her
 God and Lord of all, And His shel - ter was a
 day like us He grew; He was lit - tle, weak, and
 own re - deem - ing love; For that child so dear and
 ox - en stand - ing by Shall we see Him, but in



ba - by In a man - ger for His bed: Mar - y
 sta - ble, And His cra - dle was a stall; With the
 help - less, Tears and smiles like us He knew; And He
 gen - tle Is our Lord in heav'n a - bove; And He
 heav - en, Set at God's right hand on high. Then like



was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 poor and mean and low - ly Lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 feels for all our sad - ness, And He shares in all our glad - ness.
 leads His chil - dren on To the place where He is gone.
 stars His chil - dren, crowned, All in white, His praise will sound!

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***Introit:** Isaiah 9:2a, 6a, c; Psalm 93:1–2, 5

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: To us a child is born.

P: His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

C: Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

P: The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;

C: the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.

P: Yes, the world is established;

C: it shall never be moved.

P: Your throne is established from of old;

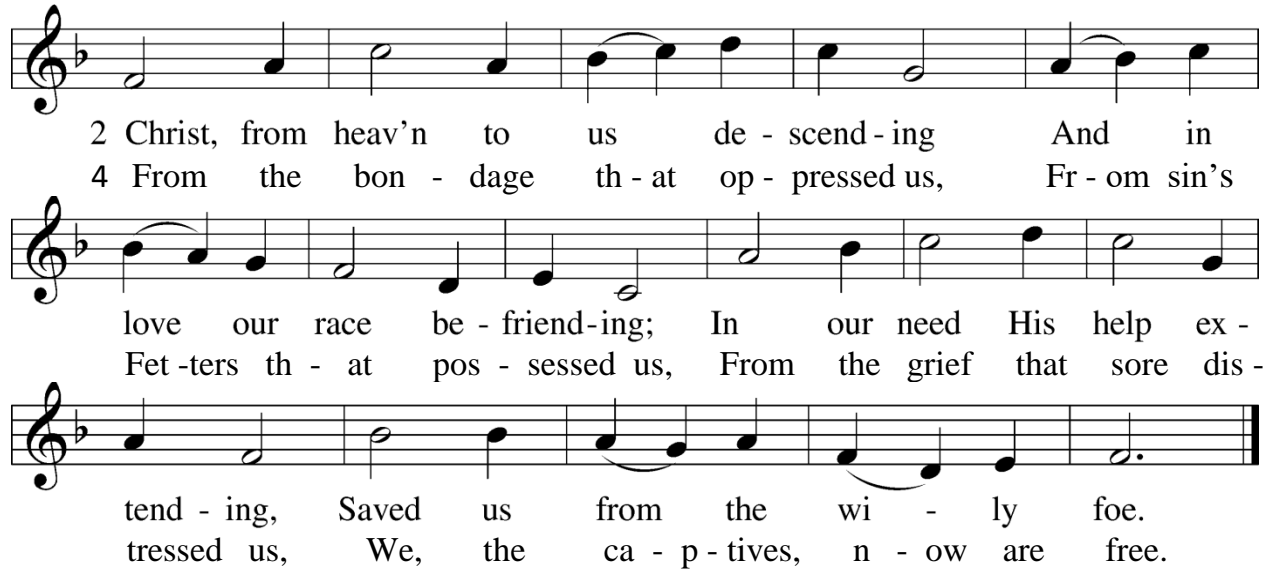
C: You are from everlasting.

P: Your decrees are very trustworthy;

C: holiness befits Your house, O LORD, forevermore.


All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

***KYRIE:** *"Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising"* # 375 vss. 2 & 4



2 Christ, from heav'n to us de - scend - ing And in
4 From the bon - dage th - at op - pressed us, Fr - om sin's
love our race be - friend - ing; In our need His help ex -
Fet - ters th - at pos - sessed us, From the grief that sore dis -
tend - ing, Saved us from the wi - ly foe.
tressed us, We, the ca - p - tives, n - ow are free.

***GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:** *"Angels We Have Heard on High"* # 368



1 An - gels we have heard on high, Sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see Him whose birth the an - gels sing;
And the moun - tains in re - ply, Ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be Which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
Come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
Refrain
Glo - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - ri - a
ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

***SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. . .

C: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 40:17–21, 34–38

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL: Psalm 118:26a, 27a, 23

P: Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: The Lord is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.

P: This is the Lord's doing;

C: it is marvelous in our eyes.

EPISTLE READING: Titus 3:4-7

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***HOLY GOSPEL:** John 1:1–14

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(Final Response)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED: *(spoken by all)*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY:

“A Great and Mighty Wonder”

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1 A great and mighty wonder, A full and holy cure:
2 The Word becomes incarnate And yet remains on high,
3 While thus they sing your Monarch, Those bright angelic bands,
4 Since all He comes to ransom, By all be He adored,
5 All idols then shall perish And Satan's lying cease,



The virgin bears the infant With virgin honor pure!
And cherubim sing anthems To shepherds from the sky.
Rejoice, O vales and mountains, And oceans, clap your hands.
The infant born in Bethl'em, The Savior and the Lord.
And Christ shall raise His scepter, Decreeing endless peace.

Refrain



Proclaim the Savior's birth: "To God on high be



glory And peace to all the earth!"

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SERMON:

“God in the Flesh”

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:** *(Responses shown below)*

P: Lord in Your Mercy,

C: Hear Our Prayer.

OFFERING: *(as the offerings are being gathered to glorify our Lord, please sign and pass the red attendance booklet found in the pew)*

***OFFERTORY:**

“Let Us All with Gladsome Voice”

390 vss. 1-3



1 Let us all with gladsome voice Praise the God of heaven,
2 To this vale of tears He comes, Here to serve in sadness,
3 We are rich, for He was poor; Is not this a wonder?



Who, to bid our hearts re - joice, His own Son hath giv - en.
That with Him in heav'n's fair homes We may reign in glad - ness.
There - fore praise God ev - er - more Here on earth and yon - der.

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*PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*SANCTUS: *"Angels from the Realms of Glory"* # 367 vss. 4-5



4 Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, Watch - ing long in
5 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther,



hope and fear, Sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing,
Spir - it, Son, Ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing



In His tem - ple shall ap - pear.
To the e - ter - nal Three in One.



Refrain
Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship;



Wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER: *(spoken by all)*

C: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily**

bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

P: In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, at His command, and with His own words, we receive His testament:

***THE WORDS OF OUR LORD**

***PAX DOMINI**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

***AGNUS DEI:** *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* **# 361 v. 4**

4 O ho - ly Child of Beth - le - hem, De - scend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and en - ter in, Be born in us to - day.
We hear the Christ - mas an - gels The great glad tid - ings tell;
O come to us, a - bide with us, Our Lord Im - man - u - el!
(After singing "The Agnus Dei," the congregation may be seated.)

COMMUNION HYMN: *"Let Our Gladness Have No End"* **# 381**

1 Let our glad - ness have no end, al - le - lu - ia!
2 Proph - e - sied in days of old, al - le - lu - ia!
3 See, the love - liest bloom - ing rose, al - le - lu - ia!
4 In - to flesh is made the Word, al - le - lu - ia!

For to earth did Christ de - scend, al - le - lu - ia!
God has sent Him as fore - told, al - le - lu - ia!
From the branch of Jes - se grows, al - le - lu - ia!
He, our ref - uge and our Lord, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain



On this day God gave us Christ, His Son, to save
us; Christ, His Son, to save us.

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***COMMUNION DISMISSAL**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C: Amen.

***POST-COMMUNION HYMN: "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing" # 377 vs. 3-4**



3 When sin de - parts be - fore His grace, Then life and health come
4 All out of dark-ness we have light, Which made the an - gels
in its place, When sin de - parts be - fore His grace, Then
sing this night, All out of dark - ness we have light, Which
life and health come in its place; An - gels and men with joy may
made the an - gels sing this night: "Glo - ry to God and peace to
sing, All for to see the new - born King.
men Now and for - ev - er - more. A - men."

***POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

P: Let us pray. . . one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN: "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" # 380



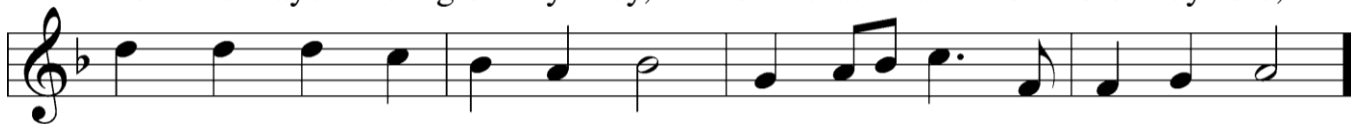
1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail, the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righ-teous-ness!



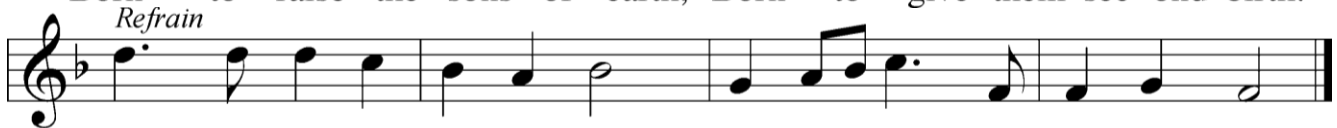
Peace on earth and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold Him come, Off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all He brings, Ris'n with heal - ing in His wings.



Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, Join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see, Hail the in - car - nate De - i - ty!
Mild He lays His glo - ry by, Born that man no more may die,



With the an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as Man with man to dwell, Je - sus, our Im - man - u - el!
Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King!"

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Preacher: Pastor Ben Ockree

Organist: Mrs. Renee Patzer

Violin: Ms. Kenya Patzer

We ask that those of you who purchased Poinsettias to please leave them at Calvary through next Sunday, December 31 so we can enjoy our display through the entire season of Christmas. Thank you!

2023 POINSETTIA DEDICATIONS



<u>Name</u>	<u>Dedication</u>
* Kathy, Anna & Michael Reb.....	In memory Mike Reb.
* Kathy, Anna & Michael Reb and Allan & Kerye Jackson.....	In memory of Harley & Ellen Jackson.
* Tim & Debbie Leatherman.....	In memory of Bethany Leatherman, Karl & Louise Kertz (Debbie's parents), and Wayne & Marian Leatherman (Tim's parents).
* Kim Piercy	In memory of Travis and Barbara Piercy.
* Don & Linda Harrison.....	In memory of our parents, Melvin & Charlotte Deiter and Gene & Irene Harrison.
* Don & Linda Harrison.....	Dedicated to our children and grandchildren.
* Dave & Annette Jackson.....	In memory of Dave's parents, Dwight & Janice Jackson.
* Dave & Annette Jackson.....	In memory of Annette's parents, Harry & Geneva Sorber.
* Kathryn Kalinka.....	In memory of Richard Groves, my dad.
* Kathryn Kalinka.....	Dedicated to Mary Groves, my mom who continues to be a light in my life.
* Mike & Renee Patzer.....	In memory of William & Dorothy Hintz.
* Mike & Renee Patzer.....	In memory of Richard & Ella Patzer.
* Kirk & Cheryl Johnson.....	In memory of Wendel & Georgia Sales.
* Kirk & Cheryl Johnson.....	Dedicated in thanksgiving for our children and grandchildren.
* Bill Arnold.....	In memory of Diana Arnold.
* Jean & Kathi Killman.....	In memory of Larry Killman.
* Tony & Rae Zimmerman.....	In memory of Bob & Ruth Zimmerman.
* Gary & Robin Schultz.....	In memory of Jim Harney and Mr. & Mrs. John McConnell.
* Rick & Sandi Blush.....	In memory of our parents, Elmer & Lucille Stolzer and Edgar & Ruth Blush.
* Jim & Joann LaCrone.....	Dedicated to our children & grandchildren.
* Jim & Joann LaCrone.....	In memory of our grandparents, parents, and siblings who have gone before us.
* The Diekhoff Family.....	In memory of Janet Diekhoff.
* Mary North.....	In memory of my husband Harold.

- ✿ Mike & Karen Lietz.....In memory of our parents George & Inez Lietz
and Don & Lucille Givens.
- ✿ The Bach, Williams &
Matheny families.....In memory of our mother & grandmother,
Karen Bach.
- ✿ The Bach, Williams &
Matheny families.....In memory of our grandparents, Junior &
Donna Pflieger.
- ✿ The Bach, Williams &
Matheny families.....In memory of our mother, Sherri Pflieger.
- ✿ The Williams Family.....In memory of our grandfather, Elson Grim.



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