



CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24, 2023

**Calvary Lutheran Church
Topeka, Kansas**

**WE ASK THAT
YOU PLEASE
LEAVE THIS
COPY AT THE
CHURCH AFTER
4:30 SERVICE SO
THOSE AT THE
7:00 SERVICE
MAY HAVE USE
OF IT. THANK
YOU!**

SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

**Indicates to Stand*

WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN:** *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* **# 379**

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!

Highest, most holy, Light of Light eternal, Born of a virgin, a mortal
He comes; Son of the Father Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of
heaven above! Glory to God In the highest: *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, Born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee
be glory giv'n! Word of the Father Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

***INVOCATION**

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

C: Amen.

***COLLECT**

P: God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven, be with us, Your servants who make music, that with joy we on earth may glimpse Your beauty. Bring us to the fulfillment of that hope of perfection that will be ours as we stand before Your unveiled glory. Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Hear us as we pray in Jesus' name and as He has taught us. . .

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.

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

OFFERTORY: *"What Child Is This"* **# 370**

What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap is sleeping?

Whom angels greet with anthems sweet While shepherds watch
are keeping?

This, this is Christ the king, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The babe, the son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding?

Good Christian, fear; for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.

Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, The cross be borne for me,
for you;

Hail, hail the Word made flesh, The babe, the son of Mary!

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peasant, king,
to own Him.

The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Raise, raise the song on high, The virgin sings her lullaby;

Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mary!

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 1:1-5

HYMN:

"Of the Father's Love Begotten"

384 vss. 1 & 2



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,



gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,



He the source, the end - ing He, Of the things that are, that
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see
 deem - er, First re - vealed His sa - cred face



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

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SECOND LESSON:

Genesis 3:1-19

HYMN:

"Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord"

352 vss. 1, 3, 5



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly
 3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,
 5 Bruise for me the ser - pent's head That, set free from



kept His word And at last to us did send
 Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—
 doubt and dread, I may cling to You in faith,



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
 Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.
 Safe - ly kept through life and death.

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THIRD LESSON: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

HYMN: *"On Christmas Night All Christians Sing"* **# 377 vss. 1,2,4**



1 On Christ-mas night all Chris - tians sing To hear the news the
2 Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since our Re - deem - er
4 All out of dark-ness we have light, Which made the an - gels



an - gels bring, On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing To
made us glad, Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since
sing this night, All out of dark - ness we have light, Which



hear the news the an - gels bring, News of great joy, news of great
our Re - deem - er made us glad, When from our sin He set us
made the an - gels sing this night: "Glo - ry to God and peace to



mirth, News of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.
free, All for to gain our lib - er - ty?
men Now and for - ev - er - more. A - men."

FOURTH LESSON: Micah 5:2-4

HYMN: *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"* **# 361**

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, And, gathered all above
While mortals sleep, the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the king And peace to all the earth!

How silently, how silently The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming; But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in, Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

DUET: *"O Holy Night"*

SERMON: *"Ponder Anew"*

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"The First Noel"* 4:30 PM only

CHOIR: *"Born a Child"* 7:00 PM only

FIFTH LESSON: Luke 2:1-7

HYMN: *"Away In a Manger"* # 365 vss. 1 & 3

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head.
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay,
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

SIXTH LESSON: Luke 2:8-12

HYMN: *"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"* # 366 vss. 1, 2, 4

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious King."
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come, with peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heavenly music floats, o'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds, the blessed angels sing.

For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years, shall come the time foretold
When peace shall over all the earth, its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world send back the song, which now the angels sing.

SEVENTH LESSON: Luke 2:13-14

HYMN: "Angels We Have Heard on High" #368

Angels we have heard on high, Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, Echoing their joyous strains. *Refrain*

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

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

Refrain

***COLLECT**

P: O God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of
Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Grant that as we joyfully receive Him
as our Redeemer, we may with sure confidence behold Him when He
comes to be our Judge; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Lights are dimmed and Ushers receive the flame from the Christmas Candle. They will in turn light the candle of the first person in each pew who will pass the flame on to the next person, and so on down the row. To avoid hot wax drips when you light your candle, hold the lit candle upright and tip the candle to be lit toward the flame. Those with electric candles should turn on the switch at this time.

*** EIGHTH LESSON:** John 1:1-14

***HYMN:** "Silent Night" # 363

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.

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!

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.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

P: Let us pray. Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led Your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*CANDLES ARE EXTINGUISHED and LIGHTS RAISED

***NINTH LESSON:** Revelation 21:3-5a; 22:3-5a

HYMN:*"Now Sing We, Now Rejoice"***# 386**

Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
He from whom joy streameth Poor in a manger lies;
Not so brightly beameth The sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!

Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to Thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Child;
Through Thy grace and merit, Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
Draw me unto Thee! Draw me unto Thee!

Now through His Son doth shine The Father's grace divine.
Death was reigning o'er us Through sin and vanity
Till He opened for us A bright eternity.
May we praise Him there! May we praise Him there!

Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'nly ground?
Where the angels singing With all His saints unite,
Sweetest praises bringing In heav'nly joy and light.
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

***BENEDICTION**

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:"Joy to the World"***# 387**

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.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding
joy, repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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.

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.

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



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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