

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Second Sunday in Advent ~ December 4, 2022 ~ 10:30 a.m.

COMMUNION SERVICE

We welcome you in the name of Jesus, our Savior. *Please take a moment to sign the Record of Fellowship pad in your pew, and silence your cell phone.* May God bless you as you worship with us today.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

P: Good morning, Priests.

(1 Peter 2:9)

C: Good morning, Pastor.

Lighting the Candle of "Peace"

Song:

Light the Candle

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

INVOCATION:

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(We now pause for a moment of silent confession.)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,

so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

C: Amen.

INTROIT

Psalm 105:4-8

A: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

C: Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His presence continually!

A: Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered,

C: O offspring of Abraham, His servant, children of Jacob, His chosen ones!

A: He is the Lord our God; His judgments are in all the earth.

C: He remembers His covenant forever, the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations. 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.

A: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

KYRIE

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(This Sunday the congregation will sing the response to the Kyrie)

SONG OF PRAISE: ***Come and See***

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 11:1–10

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING:

Romans 15:4–13

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 3:1–12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

C: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN:

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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MESSAGE:

Prepare the Way for the Lord.

SONG:

I Waited for the Lord

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PRAYERS

SERVICE OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your Holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI

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DISTRIBUTION SONG: *There Is None Like You*

Words & Music: Lenny Le Blanc © 1991 Integrity's Praise Music

NUNC DIMITTIS:

Song of Simeon

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (v. 1,2,3) 357

P: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Poinsettia order forms are available in the Narthex, please complete and return to the church office no later than December 18.

Midweek Advent Services “*Be Born In Us Today*” continues this Wednesday, and on Dec. 14, Soup Supper at 6:15, followed by our Worship Service at 7:30 p.m. in Kavasch Hall.

Annual Live Nativity – Sun., Dec. 18 from 5 - 7 p.m.

Many volunteers are needed to continue this successful outreach. Please sign up on the poster in the Narthex and help support Calvary’s tradition. Besides the actors in costume, we need publicity workers, greeters, snack servers, singers, musicians and people to help behind the scenes.

DON’T FORGET TO BUY SCRIP!

There are over 750 retailers to choose from. Don't forget those \$5 and \$10 cards. To get a complete retailer list, go to **www.raiseright.com**. Scroll down to bottom of page and click on resources. **Place your Christmas gift orders no later than Dec. 11 and they can be delivered at church on the 18th.** See Joanne Arroyo in the Narthex after the service.

CALENDAR:

Today:	7:00 pm	Bible Study
Wednesday:	6:15 pm	Soup Supper, 7:30 Advent Worship
Thursday:	7:30 pm	Praise Team Practice
Sunday:	8:45 am	Sunday School
	10:30 am	Worship Service
	7:00 pm	Bible Study

THOSE WHO SERVE US:

Altar Guild: Anne Daly
 Communion Assistant/Reader: John Ricca
 Contemporary Music Director/Organist: Ruth Bolger
 Live Stream Producer/Projectionist: Christopher Bolger
 Reader: Joanne Arroyo
 Ushers: John Wickham

BIRTHDAYS: Dec. 2 Gordon and John Wickham
 Dec. 6 Cindy Eucker



PRAYER LIST

Pray for:

***Jon Yarger**, who is suffering with back issues.*

***Dominic Cappello**, a young Elementary school boy, who is taking treatment for a cancerous brain tumor.*

***Nathan Kuder**, may the Lord bring His healing upon him.*

***Don and Lucille Wernes**, for healing and strength.*

***Luise Wetter**, still suffering with back and leg pain.*

***Ken and Edith Meyer**, who need strength and encouragement while dealing with various medical issues.*

***Nicole Pappas**, for healing for various medical issues.*

***Ellie**, that God will continue to heal her.*

***Benga Adesokan** and his mission work in Nigeria.*

***Kenneth Meyer Jr.** and his mission work in Vienna.*

Continue to pray for members and friends of Calvary experiencing long-term problems:

LaVerne Sieglen and Lois Tiedemann.



Connect.



Grow.



Serve.