

# **Worship in the Courtyard**



Calvary Lutheran Church

Richland Hills, TX

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,  
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 God with us, re - vealed in us;  
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- L "...you were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory (Ephesians 1:13-14).

*Silence is kept for confession and reflection*

- L Praise the LORD.  
**C How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him! He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. The LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love (Psalm 147:1, 3, 11).**

- L Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight (Ephesians 1:3-4).

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P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, ✕ the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray...

**C Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

## Jeremiah 31:7-14

<sup>7</sup>Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
 and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
 proclaim, give praise, and say,  
 "Save, O Lord, your people,  
 the remnant of Israel."

<sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
 and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
 among them the blind and the lame,  
 those with child and those in labor, together;  
 a great company, they shall return here.

<sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come,

and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."

<sup>11</sup>For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

<sup>12</sup>They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

<sup>13</sup>Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

<sup>14</sup>I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
says the Lord.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND LESSON Ephesians 1:3-14**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in

Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter

**C Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup>All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup>in him 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.]

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received,

grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

P The Gospel of Our Lord  
C **Praise to you, O Christ!**

## SERMON

*Pastor Kyle*

### Love Has Come



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the  
2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -  
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;  
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;  
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  
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the  
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.  
name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.  
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Text: Ken Bible, b. 1950. Music: UN FLAMBEAU, F. Seguin, *Recueil de noels composes en langue provencale*, 1856.

A Let us profess the faith in which we are Baptized.

**ALL I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and**

**born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.  
Amen**

## **THE PRAYERS**

### **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

**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**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P** Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.

**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**



## HOLY COMMUNION

We encourage those online to commune each other in your homes at this time and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing: "Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

### As with Gladness Men of Old



1 As with glad - ness men of old did the guid - ing star be - hold;  
2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,  
3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy cra - dle, rude and bare,  
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - 'ry day keep us in the nar - row way;  
5 In the heav'n - ly coun - try bright need they no cre - a - ted light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam - ing bright;  
there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a - dore;  
so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,  
and when earth - ly things are past, bring our ran - somed souls at last  
thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra - cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led by thee.  
so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.  
all our cost - liest trea - sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n - ly king.  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.  
there for - ev - er may we sing al - le - lu - ias to our king.



Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt. Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872.

P The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

A Let us pray... We give you thanks, gracious God, that you have once again fed us from your very self with the body and blood of Christ. Through this mystery, send us forth to proclaim your promise to a world in need, through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C Amen**

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

**C Amen**

P Go in peace serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God**

## Brightest and Best of the Stars (ELW 303)

1 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,  
 2 Cold on his cra - dle the dew - drops are shin - ing;  
 3 What shall we give him, in cost - ly de - vo - tion?  
 4 Vain - ly we of - fer each am - ple ob - la - tion,  
 5 Bright - est and best of the stars of the morn - ing,

dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.  
 low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;  
 Shall we bring in - cense and of - f'rings di - vine,  
 vain - ly with gifts would his fa - vor se - cure;  
 dawn on our dark - ness and lend us your aid.

Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,  
 an - gels a - dore him in slum - ber re - clin - ing,  
 gems of the moun - tain and pearls of the o - cean,  
 rich - er by far is the heart's ad - o - ra - tion,  
 Star of the east, the ho - ri - zon a - dorn - ing,

guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.  
 mak - er and mon - arch and sav - ior of all.  
 myrrh from the for - est or gold from the mine?  
 dear - er to God are the prayers of the poor.  
 guide where our in - fant re - deem - er is laid.

Text Nikolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. Jens Christian Aaberg, 1877-1970, alt. Music: MORNING STAR, James P. Harding, 1850-1911, adapt.

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8:00am-1:00pm

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Carter BloodCare Bus in Parking Lot

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# "Green Sheet" Announcements

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God!

**PREPARING FOR NEXT SUNDAY** Baptism of Our Lord: Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11.

**HYMN HISTORY WITH VIKTOR** Viktor explores the history of "The First Noel," Sunday's Hymn of the Day. Check out this video to learn more about this hymn, of which the music and lyrics' origins are unknown: <https://youtu.be/XbITg7F5usA>

**2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available to pick up in Calvary's narthex for those attending in-person worship, or you can contact the church office to schedule pick up on Tuesday, Thursday or Friday from 9:15a - 4p, closed for lunch 1-2p. Reminder: office closed 12/31 & 1/1.

**JAN-FEB-MAR 2021 CHRIST IN OUR HOME DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE** to pick up if you attend in-person worship. Available digitally as a PDF through this link: <https://calvaryftw.360unite.com/christ-in-our-home>. If you are homebound, you are welcome to contact the church (817-284-8724, [lauren@calvaryftw.org](mailto:lauren@calvaryftw.org)) and we will mail you a copy.

**RECORDED FUNERAL SERVICES** Available under the "Resources" tab on Calvary's website ([godshearthumanhands.org](http://godshearthumanhands.org), Resources, Funerals) or directly through this link: <https://godshearthumanhands.org/funerals.htm>

**VACCINE DISTRIBUTION PORTAL FOR TARRANT COUNTY** For those who are interested and qualify (65yo+ and those with preexisting conditions), the following link is the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Portal for Tarrant County: <http://bit.ly/TarrantCountyCOVIDVaccinationPortal> (case sensitive)

**HELPFUL WEBLINKS** Home Communion Sign Up (<https://bit.ly/CalvaryHomeCommunion>), Altar Flower Acknowledgement Sign Up (<https://bit.ly/calvaryaltarflowers>), Calvary website, which includes the most up-to-date worship schedule, online worship links, online bible study & prayer opportunities, and Indoor & Outdoor Worship Guidelines & Safety Protocols (<https://godshearthumanhands.org/>).

## Prayer List

**Note:** Members, Friends & Family names will be removed after four weeks unless the church office is otherwise notified.

Long Term Illness Prayer List: <https://calvaryftw.360unite.com/long-term-prayer-list>

Family Members Serving in the Military List: <https://calvaryftw.360unite.com/military-family-prayer-list>

*If you have a prayer request, please email [mycalvary2@aol.com](mailto:mycalvary2@aol.com)*

**MEMBERS** Ruby Gergens; Ada Hogenmiller; Gene Thomas ■ Geri Pegg; Jim & Cathy Allen; Amber and Jade Hilliard ■ Family of Bob Summers; Peggy Cox ■ Leslie Herd & her family

**FRIENDS & FAMILY** ■ Heather Wolfe & Family (Mabel Atkinson's neighbors); Jerry David (Carol Couch's brother-in-law, Corey Couch's uncle); Doug Easterberg (Kevin & Paulette Brosette's brother-in-law); The Family of Nancy Mathews' friend ■ Eldor & Dorothy Eisen (Mabel Atkinson's cousin); Dennis Nowlin (Melissa Herring's request) ■ Tyler Thiele (Jon Jorgenson's relative); Amy Molina (Kari and Holly Sievers' sister); Bill Bettles (Leanne Bettles' father); Bill Bair (DeLoris Fregien's brother-in-law); Mike Neeley (Monica Neeley's brother); Diane (Ginny Hodges' friend)

**NT-NL SYNOD CHURCH IN OUR PRAYERS TODAY** Calvary, Richland Hills, The Rev. Phil Heinze, The Rev. Kyle Rouze. Covenant, Temple, The Rev. Heath Abel.