

***Advent III**

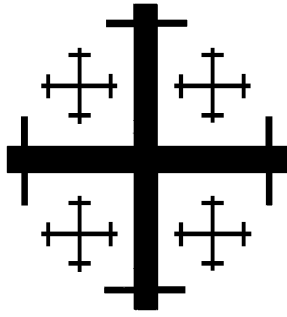
14 December 2025

9:30 am



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHILDREN'S
SUNDAY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM





The Liturgy at Calvary

A note of joyful expectation marks today's worship. Isaiah announces that the desert shall rejoice and blossom, and Jesus points to the unexpected and transforming signs of God's reign. We wait with patience for the coming of the Lord, even as we rejoice at his presence among us this day: in word and holy supper, in church and in our homes, in silent reflection and in works of justice and love. We pray that God would open our eyes and ears to the wonders of Christ's advent among us.

Prelude *Pastorale*

Louis XV (1754-1793)

Penetential Rite

Please stand and face the Baptismal Font.

Emmanuel

Em - man - u - el, Em - man - u - el,

His name is called Em - man - u - el;

God with us, re - vealed in us;

His name is called Em - man - u - el.

Chord symbols: C, C/E, F, G, B7, C, C/B, A, A/C#, Dm, G7, G/B, C, C/E, F, G, G7, C, C/Bb, A, A/C#, Dm, G7, F/C, C.

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L Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come and save you (Isaiah 35:3-4). Let us confess all the ways in which we show our lack of faith in the one who comes to save us.

Silence is kept for confession and reflection

L Happy are those whose hope is in the LORD their God,
C I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life.

L Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads (Isaiah 35:9-10).

Reprise *Emmanuel*

Apostolic Greeting

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.

Kyrie Eleison

ALL *Capo 1* D Eb Bm Cm Em Fm A B7 Bm Cm G7(maj7) Ab(maj7) Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

CANTOR Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2) D(sus4) Eb(sus4) Bm Cm

For peace in our hearts, the sal - va - tion of our souls,

Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

in peace let us pray to the Lord.

ALL D Eb Bm Cm Em Fm A B7 Bm Cm G7(maj7) Ab(maj7) Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

CANTOR D Eb Fm Cm G Ab A B7

For peace throughout the world; the well be - ing of God's church,

Em Fm A B7 Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

and the un - i - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL D Eb Bm Cm Em Fm A B7 Bm Cm G7(maj7) Ab(maj7) Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.

CANTOR Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2) D Eb G A7

For this ho - ly house and for all who ga - ther here to

Em Fm 3 A B7 Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

lift up their hearts in wor-ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

ALL D Eb Bm Cm Em Fm A B7 Bm Cm G7(maj7) Ab(maj7) Em Fm A(sus2) Bb(sus2)

Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son O - ky-ri - e e - le - i - son

CANTOR D Eb Fm Cm G A7 A B7 D Eb

Help, save, com - fort and de - fend us grac - ious Lord.

ALL D Eb Em Fm A B7 D(sus4) Eb(sus4)

A men.

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Hymn Of Praise *Stir Up Your Power and Come*

1. Stir up your pow'r, O Lord, and come. A - gain we
2. Is hea- ven's mo - ment far or near? And when will
pray, "Your will be done." May Ad- vent blue to us for -
Je - sus re - ap - pear? The com - ing dawn is our de -
tell the ec - ho of Em - man u - el.
light in this, the dark - est hour of night.

3. We could in - side the church re - main, like dry ground
watch - ing for the rain. We could de - cide to sit and
wa - it, as Je - sus we an - ti - ci - pate.

4. But we must keep hands to the plow; God's time is
both not yet and now, Our faith in - forms what we shall
do. May Christ re - turn and find us
true. May Christ re - turn and find us true.

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Blessing & Lighting The Advent Wreath

*We sing the verse below before **and** after the blessing.*



Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah; let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.

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- P We praise you, O God, for this victory wreath that marks our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the candles on this wreath, strengthen our hearts as we await the Lord's coming in glory. Enlighten us with your grace that we may serve our neighbors in need. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose day draws near.

✠ Sunday School Christmas Program ✠

Creed

A Let us profess our faith in the Triune God

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

Prayers of Intercession

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Instrumental Intro

In the si-lence Lord, Hear our prayer.
In the still-ness Lord, Hear our prayer.
Our spo-ken words, our si-lent thoughts:
these we hum-bly share.
In this mo-ment Lord, Hear our prayer.

After each petition

A Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

Concluding with

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord

C Amen.

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you

Please greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Offertory

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Tune: Consolation, Hyfrodol

Setting: Vincent M. Ryan (b. 1971)



Two Ways to Give

Download the new
"Vanco Mobile" giving app
from your smart phone's app store

Give online
through this QR code
Use smart phone camera; click link



Please stand as our gifts are offered, singing:

Chord progression for the song "Two Ways to Give":

Chords: F, C/E, C/D, Dm, Dm/C, Bb, Gm, C⁷_{sus}, C⁷, F, C/E, C/D, Dm, Dm/C, Gm, F/A, C, F, Am⁷, Dm⁷, Am⁷, Dm⁷, Gm⁷, Gm/D, C⁷_{sus}, C⁷, F, C/E, C/D, Dm, Dm/C, Gm, F/A, C, F

Lyrics:

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve
you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that
I might be re - newed. So fill me and
heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -
ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

A Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first
given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions,
signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake
of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are placed on the lines of the staff, corresponding to the lyrics below. The lyrics are:
[P] The Lord be with you. [C] And al - so 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 our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and good that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, Holy God mighty and immortal through Jesus Christ our Lord.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new, when He comes again to judge the world in righteousness.

And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus & Benedictus [*Latin, Holy & Blessed*]

Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho -
 san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
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Eucharistic Prayer

Eucharistic Acclamation

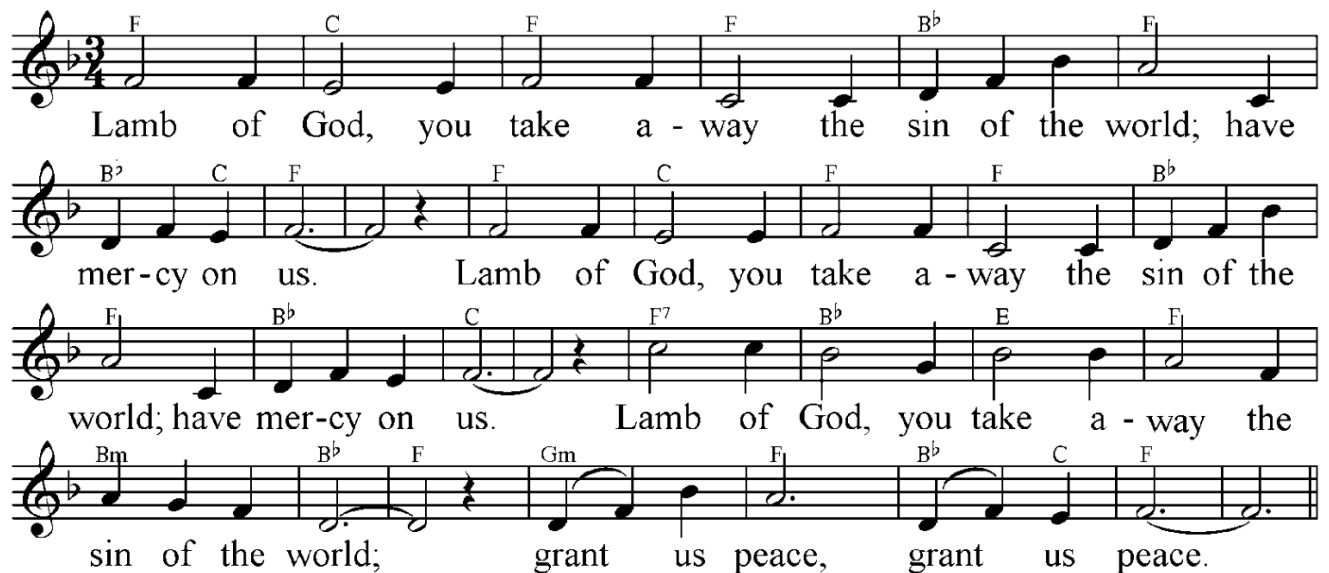
We pro-claim your death, Lord; we cel - e-brate your ris - ing; we
 break this bread and share this cup un - til you come a - gain.

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**

P Body of Christ given for you; Blood of Christ shed for you

Agnus Dei



HOLY COMMUNION

In-Person: We commune at the Altar.
Ushers will guide.

Wine is Red Grape Juice is White
Gluten-free wafers available upon request.

Online at Home: If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to commune each other and bless children who have not received First Communion.

Consider giving this blessing:

"Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

Songs that may be sung during distribution of the Sacrament:

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Kum ba Yah

C F C
 Kum ba yah my Lord, Kum ba yah.
 Em F G
 Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah.
 C F C
 Kum ba yah, my Lord, Kum ba yah.
 F C G C
 O Lord, Kum by yah.

2. Someone's Hungry Lord
3. Someone's Homeless Lord
4. Someone's Crying Lord
5. We are Praying Lord
6. Kum ba yah, my Lord

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

C
He's Got the Whole World in his Hands:
G7
He's got the whole world in His hands
C
He's got the whole world in His hands
G7 C
He's got the whole world in His hands.

2. He's got Mommas and Daddies,
3. He's got brothers and sisters,
4. He's got the itty bitty baby
5. He's got you and me
6. He's got everybody here

This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel NO...
Won't let Satan, blow it out...
Hide it Under the Water - NO
All Around This Big Old World

Soon and Very Soon

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Capo 3: D



1 Soon and ver - y soon
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 3 No more dy - in' there,
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



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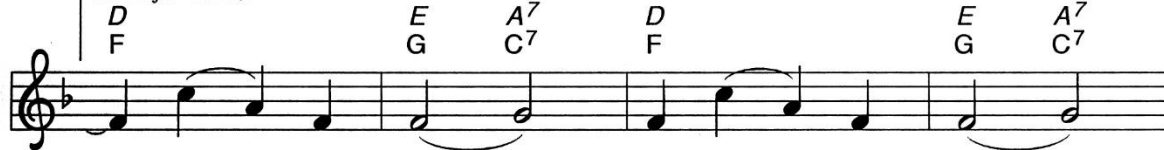


soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

VERY SOON

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

C Amen

Post Communion Canticle

Inspired by an Easter homily
of St. Augustine

The monks of Weston Priory
Vermont

With bro- ken bread in our hands, your
word a fire in our hearts, we now pro - claim our own
myst- 'ry: in this jour- ney from death in -
to your new life, we are your bread, we your bo - dy.

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A Let us pray... God our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus.

C Amen

P The Benediction ✠

C Amen

Please turn in place, facing the cross carried by the crucifer.

Recessional Hymn *He Came Down (ELW 253)*

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
 2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
 3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
 4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

he came down that we may have love;
 he came down that we may have light; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.
 he came down that we may have peace;
 he came down that we may have joy;

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A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

C **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude *Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

African American Spiritual

Setting: Edwin T. Childs c. 2007

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Jacob Groening, *trumpet, vocals*
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Christy Gibson, Pete Moxley, *vocals*
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Kelsey Helton, *clarinet, sax, vocals*
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UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

John of the Cross, renewer of the church, died 1591 Sunday, December 14, 2025

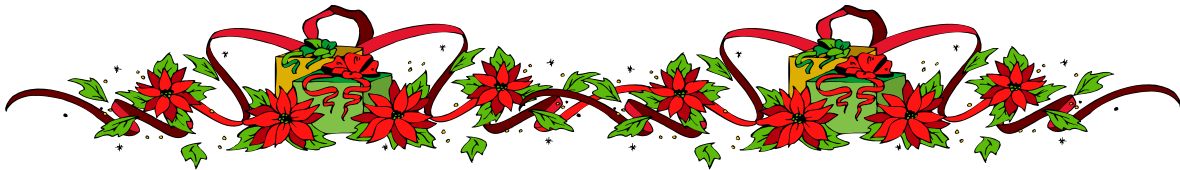
John was a member of the Carmelite monastic order and worked to reform it. His writings reflect a deep interest in mystical thought and meditation.

Las Posadas (LLC) Tuesday, December 16, 2025

This celebration, long popular in Mexico, takes its name from the "posadas," or lodgings, sought by Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem. Their search is reenacted in a neighborhood, unsuccessfully, until finally they are welcomed in, and a party commences.

Katharina von Bora Luther, renewer of the church, died 1552 Saturday, December 20, 2025

Born to an impoverished nobleman, Katie eventually took vows as a nun, but around age twenty-four she and several other nuns who were influenced by the writings of Martin Luther left the convent. Six children were born to Katie and Martin.



KYRIE PUB CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROL SING

Sunday, December 21st at 5pm. Shaw's Patio & Grill (1051 W Magnolia, FTW).

CALVARY BLUE CHRISTMAS WINTER SOLSTICE

Sunday, December 21st at 6pm

Also known as *A service for the Longest Night*, this service acknowledges that Christmas can be a very lonely, depressing, "blue" time for those grieving the loss of loved ones or other losses. Through liturgy and song and shared meal we bring our pain and sorrow to the Christ child who is the light shining in the darkness and seek the consolation and healing of God's presence.

CALVARY CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24th at 4, 6, 8, & 11pm

All services include candlelight singing of "Silent Night"

4, 6, 8 pm Lessons Carols Eucharist

15 minute carol sing prior to each of these services

4 – Children's Choir and soloists, Children's Blessing of the Creche

6 – Harp ensemble, Hand Bell choir, and soloists

(Nursery available during 4 pm & 6 pm services)

8 – Orchestra, Sanctuary Choir and soloists

11 pm Midnight Mass

The full liturgy with Orchestra, Sanctuary Choir, and soloists

6pm & 8pm services will be live-streamed online