



# The *Christmas* Story

December 24, 2025  
Calvary Lutheran Church

# Welcome to Calvary Lutheran Church

- To the right of the sanctuary is our Kids' Space, where all God's Children are invited to make themselves at home.
  - The Communion Table is open to all people.
  - If you need hearing assistance, headphones can be obtained from an usher.
  - Join us on Zoom: *Meeting ID:* 840 5961 8157      *Passcode:* C@lvary876
  - Church Office Hours: Tue & Thur from 9 am to 5 pm
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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP & LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

ELW 283 Oh Come, All Ye Faithful vs. 1-3

## CHRISTMAS DIALOG

GATHERING HYMN      ELW 270 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

FIRST READING      Isaiah 9:2-7

PSALM      Psalm 23

SECOND READING      Titus 2:11-14

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ELW 292 Love Has Come vs. 3

GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

SERMON

Pastor Rachel Kramer

HYMN

ACS 914 Jesus, the Light of the World



- 1 Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
- 2 Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; Je-sus, the Light of the world;
- 3 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Je-sus, the Light of the world;
- 4 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Je-sus, the Light of the world;



“Glo - ry to the new-born king,” Je-sus, the Light of the world.  
join the tri - umph of the skies; Je-sus, the Light of the world.  
Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord! Je-sus, the Light of the world.  
Hail the Sun of right-teous - ness! Je-sus, the Light of the world.

*Refrain*



We'll walk in the light, beau-ti-ful light, come where the dew-drops of mer-cy are bright.



Shine all a-round us by day and by night, Je-sus, the Light of the world.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, stanzas; George D. Elderkin, 1845–1928, refrain

Music: WE'LL WALK IN THE LIGHT, Traditional; arr. George D. Elderkin

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

## **THE PRAYERS**

## **SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

**OFFERING SPECIAL MUSIC** Some Children See Him (Brent & Shari Young)

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

**GREAT THANKSGIVING** (Tune: "Angels We Have Heard on High")

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Tune: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear")

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*All are invited to share God's meal. We believe that in this sacrament, the Savior Jesus comes to us, bringing forgiveness of sins, renewal of our lives and the promise of salvation. Those who do not wish to receive the elements are encouraged to come and receive a blessing.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS** ELW 290 Go Tell It on the Mountain

ELW 277 Away in a Manger

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

## **CANDLE LIGHTING**

*The minister, taking a large candle, lights it from an altar candle, which symbolizes Christ, the light of the world of whom John's Gospel speaks. The ushers light their candles from the pastor's candle. Then they light the candles of each worshiper nearest the aisle. The lighted candle is never tilted, but is always held upright when giving light to another. Once all the candles are lit, the lights in the sanctuary will be turned off.*

## **HYMNS BY CANDLELIGHT**

ELW 279 O Little Town of Bethlehem vs. 1 & 2

ELW 296 What Child is This vs. 1

ELW 281 Silent Night, Holy Night vs. 1 & 3

## **BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN**      ELW 267 Joy to the World

## **DISMISSAL**

# **Special Thanks to Those Who Served Today**

**ALTAR GUILD:** Judy Britton

**WORSHIP ASSISTANT:** Brent Young

**LECTOR:** Dave Moore

**USHERS:** Gary Clark & Dianne Pratt

**FLOWERS:** Sharon Elliott

# Ways to Get Involved at Calvary

## THIRD PLACE

Dinner and Games when you need a break from adulting

*1st & 3rd Wednesdays*



**6pm**

*All Are Welcome!*

**DROP IN!  
IT'S FREE**

## COMMUNITY CRAFT NIGHT

**5:30 - 7:30 PM**

**IN THE  
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

CONNECT TO COMMUNITY

ALL WELCOME - FREE ENTRY

Westside Queer



Resource Center

**EVERY  
4TH  
TUESDAY**



# Bible Study: Fridays at 2pm

## Monthly Book Club



## Regular Quilting Meetings



## Community Garden



...and more!

## Coming up in 2026:

**Annual Congregational Meeting:** February 1<sup>st</sup> at 11:30am

Look forward to Easter and Vacation Bible School.

Sign up for our weekly emails by scanning the code:







# Calvary Lutheran Church

ELCA

Weekly Sunday Service: 10am-11am



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