

CALVARY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Chandler, Arizona † December 13 & 14, 2025 † Advent 3

Welcome. At Calvary, our worship is designed to praise God and enrich faith. We aim to make the service clear and appropriately reverent. For your convenience, the service is printed in its entirety in your bulletin. Please do sign the connection cards in the pews or the guest book by the entryway so that we know you were here in case we didn't get to say hello. Feel free to ask Pastor Spaude, Pastor Sprain, or Mr. Kuether any questions you may have or go to our website, calvarychandler.net

Bring the kids. Our congregation enjoys the worshipping family. Please sit in any pew where you feel comfortable. We do have a message specifically for the children Sunday morning during worship.

May we suggest: Quietly explain the worship service as it takes place. Share with your children the "why" of what they are hearing. Sing the hymns, pray the prayers etc. Children learn behavior by mimicking you. And please remember, if you have to leave the sanctuary (the cry room is located in the back of church) with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. For Jesus said: "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

To our Calvary Family, the presence of children is a gift to the Church, and they remind us that our church is growing. Give a smile and warm encouragement to them and their families.

Don't feel obligated. Our members give offerings to the Lord as an expression of our thanks and praise for his amazing love! Visitors, please know you are not expected or required to give an offering. It is completely your choice. We are just glad you are here!

Make yourself at home. After the service, we join together for coffee, snacks and conversation. We would be honored if you'd join us.

For those who have hearing issues our sound system allows for you to engage the "T" setting on your hearing aid. There are also hearing devices available. Ask an usher.

SERVICE NOTES FOR THIS SUNDAY

We rejoice because God fulfills all his promises in Jesus.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

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Come, O Long-Expected Jesus



1 Come, O long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set your peo - ple free;
 2 Born your peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child and yet a king,



From our sins and fears re - lease us By your death on Cal - va - ry.
 Born to reign in us for - ev - er, Now your gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's Strength and Con - so - la - tion, Hope to all the earth im - part,
 By your own e - ter - nal Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
 By your all - suf - fi - cient mer - it Raise us to your glo - rious throne.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–88, alt.
 Tune: ST. HILARY (87 87 D) Unknown.

P: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are

they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -

ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -

ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -

ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.

Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts, and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the desert will be glad.
The wasteland of the Arabah will rejoice and blossom like a crocus.
It will bloom lavishly, and there will be great joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon will be given to it.
It will be excellent like Carmel and Sharon.
They will see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

*Isaiah tells us
that the
coming
Messiah would
change
everything.*

Strengthen the weak hands, and make the shaky knees steady.
Tell those who have a fearful heart:

Be strong.

Do not be afraid.

Look! Your God will come with vengeance.

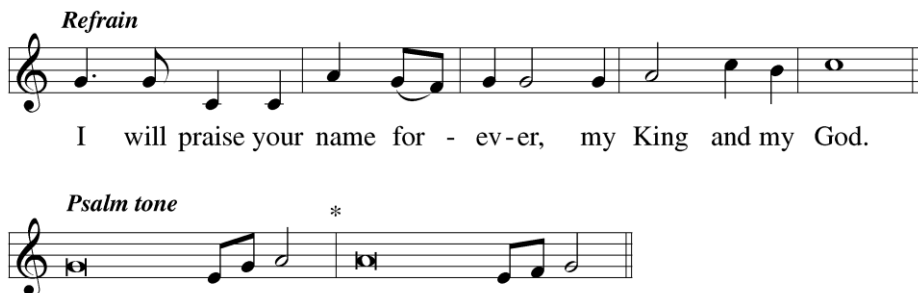
With God's own retribution, he will come and save you.

Then the eyes of the blind will be opened,
and the ears of the deaf will be unplugged.
The crippled will leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute will sing for joy.
Waters will flow in the wilderness, and streams in the wasteland.
The burning sand will become a pool, and in the thirsty ground there will be
springs of water.
There will be grass, reeds, and rushes where the haunts of jackals once lay.
A highway will be there, a road that will be called the holy way.
The impure will not walk there.
It will be reserved for those who walk in that holy way.
Wicked fools will not wander onto it.

No lion will be there, nor will any ferocious animal go up on it.
 They will not be found there, but only the redeemed will walk there.
 Then those ransomed by the LORD will return.
 They will enter Zion with a joyful shout, and everlasting joy will crown their heads.
 Happiness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

PSALM 146

*Psalm 146:
 The Lord's
 gracious
 deliverance
 is the basis
 of our joy
 and praise.*



Praise the LORD, O my soul.*
 I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes,*
 in mortal men, who cannot save.

Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God,*
 the maker of heaven and earth.

Refrain

The LORD gives food to the hungry,*
 the LORD sets prisoners free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind,*
 the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.

The LORD watches over the outcast*
 and sustains the fatherless and the widow.

The LORD remains faithful forever.*
 He upholds the cause of the oppressed.

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.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

James 5:7–11

Therefore, brothers, be patient until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the valuable harvest from the ground, patiently waiting for it, until it receives the early and late rain. You be patient too. Strengthen your hearts because the coming of the Lord is near.

Do not complain about one another, brothers, so that you will not be judged. Look! The Judge is standing at the doors! Brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord as an example of suffering with patient endurance. See, we consider those who endured to be blessed. You have heard of the patient endurance of Job and have seen what the Lord did in the end, because the Lord is especially compassionate and merciful.

James points to Job as an example of perseverance in the face of suffering.

VERSE OF THE DAY



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 11:2–11

*John's
disciples
wanted to
verify that
Jesus was
the Messiah.*

While John was in prison, he heard about the things Christ was doing. He sent two of his disciples to ask him, “Are you the Coming One or should we wait for someone else?”

Jesus answered them, “Go, report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the gospel is preached to the poor. Blessed is the one who does not take offense at me.”

As these two were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the crowds about John. “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? What did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? No, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. So what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you! And he is much more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘Look, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ Amen I tell you: Among those born of women there has not appeared anyone greater than John the Baptist. Yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (Sunday Morning)

Children are invited to come forward to the altar area for the children's sermon at this time. (Parents can come with their children if the children are hesitant to go by themselves.

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Blue: CW 324; Red: CW 18





Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light.
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
who mourn o'er joys de - part - ed and trem - ble at your doom.
your guilt the Lord will par - don and cov - er by his grace.
a light of con - so - la - tion and bless - ed hope to those



O Je - sus, let your Word be a lamp to light my way,
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing that led you to em - brace
De - spair not; he is near you, he's stand - ing at the door
He comes, for you pro - cur - ing the peace of sin for - giv'n,
who love the Lord's ap - pear - ing. O glo - rious Sun, now come,



to show me how to please you, to guide me ev - 'ry day.
in love, all love ex - cel - ling, our lost and fall - en race!
who best can help and cheer you and bids you weep no more.
his chil - dren thus se - cur - ing e - ter - nal life in heav'n.
send forth your beams most cheer - ing, and guide us safe - ly home.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, D. M. Luther's ... Geistliche Lieder, Berlin, 1653, abr.; tr. composite
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662, alt.
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SERMON

Matthew 11:2-11 Jesus is Indeed the One

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Of the Father's Love Begotten

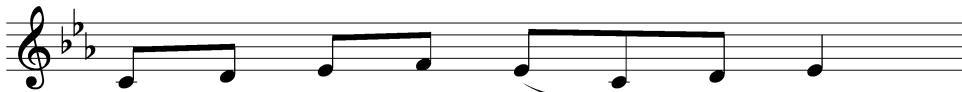
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- 1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
- 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed when the vir - gin,
- 3 This is he whom seers and sa - ges sang of old with
- 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him, an - gel hosts his
- 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
prais - es sing, pow'rs, do - min - ions bow be - fore him
Ghost, to thee hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he,
bore the Sav - ior of our race,
prom - ised in their faith - ful word.
and ex - tol our God and King.
and un - end - ing prais - es be,



of the things that are, that have been,
 and the babe, the world's Re - deem - er,
 Now he shines, the long - ex - pect - ed;
 Let no tongue on earth be si - lent,
 hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion



and that fu - ture years shall see ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 first re - vealed his sa - cred face ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 let cre - a - tion praise its Lord ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348–c. 413, abr.; (sts. 1–4): tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.; (st. 5): tr. Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877, alt.
 Tune: plainsong, 13th cent.
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PRAYER

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Or

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want Us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.



There Is a Redeemer

Blue: CW 519; Red: CW 747



- 1 There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son,
- 2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all names,
- 3 When I stand in glo - ry, I will see his face;



pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, Ho - ly One.
 pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah, hope for sin - ners slain.
 there I'll serve my King for - ev - er in that ho - ly place.

Refrain



Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son



and leav - ing your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

Text: Melody Green, b. 1946

Tune: Melody Green, b. 1946, alt.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Midweek Advent Services will continue on Wednesday, December 17th at 7PM. The three midweek Advent services theme will be The Gospel of John's Christmas Message. There will be a dinner served prior to the service, beginning at 5:30PM

The Children's Christmas Service: This year the Children's Christmas Service will be held on Sunday, December 21st at 6:30 PM. This move from Christmas Eve to the Sunday before Christmas is being tried on a one-year basis to see how feasible this is. Please join the kids for this service of praise to Jesus as we celebrate his birth.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: On Christmas Eve, at 6:30 PM, there will be a Christmas Eve service. What a wonderful time to celebrate the birth of our Savior by singing familiar Christmas hymns and hearing the accounts of the birth of our Savior.

The Christmas Day Song Service will be held on Christmas Day at 10 AM.

New Year's Eve Communion Service: On December 31st we usher out the old year and welcome in the new year with a service of praise to God. The New Year's Eve communion service will be at 7PM.

After Church Refreshments – Don't forget! There is a snack sign-up sheet on the back counter in the entryway of church through the end of the year. Anyone willing to provide refreshments, please pick a date that works for you. You can also donate money to the cause. Give your donation to Barb Converse and she will purchase the snacks. Thank you!

Organ Stop Pizza: The event is scheduled for December 14th at 4PM. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. Reservations will be made so everyone can sit together. When you arrive, order your food and ask where Calvary Lutheran Church is sitting. Enjoy Christmas music as well as popular year-round tunes! See you there!

The Sunday Morning Bible Class is looking at a Bible Study called: **Just Jesus**. Topics studied will be: *Heaven, Hell, Holy Scripture* (The Rich Man & Poor Lazarus; The Pharisee & Tax Collector), *Forgiving & Being Forgiven* (The Unmerciful Servant; A Mustard Seed Faith), Re: *Why "Bad" Things Happen to "Nice" People* (The Healing of a Blind Man; The Raising of Lazarus), Re: *Proper Priorities* (The Feeding of the 5,000; "I Am the Bread of Life"; The Wise and the Foolish Builders).

Last week at Calvary:

38 attended the Saturday service and 108 attended the Sunday service.

Pastor: Martin Spaude

Organist: Liz Hawkes

Head Usher: James Armbruster

Ushers: Ron Converse, Ben Coker, Mark Mundt, Robert Knox