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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS & CAROLS
DECEMBER 7TH 2025



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We welcome all members and guests to our service today,
and we are glad that you have joined us for worship at Calvary!

SERVING IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Chaz Snider, *Pastor*
Amanda Schumpert, *Director of Music*
Mary Louise Kapp Peeples, *Organist*
Alexander Stultz, *Violinist*
Ginni & Emerson Baker, *Advent Candle & Banner*
Jack Baker, Jacek Pristas, Nate Smith, Carter Nance,
Maryanne Lott, Spencer Routh, Bette Peterson, Lane Sapp, *Readers*
Brian Lott, *Band Director*
The Calvary Chancel Choir
The Calvary Band
Clyde George & Carter Nance, *Ushers*
Josephine Rose & Jennifer Carter, *Nursery Attendants*

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Denny Fordham, Jr., Michael Goforth, Ann Lewis Coogler, and Beth and Charles Golden.

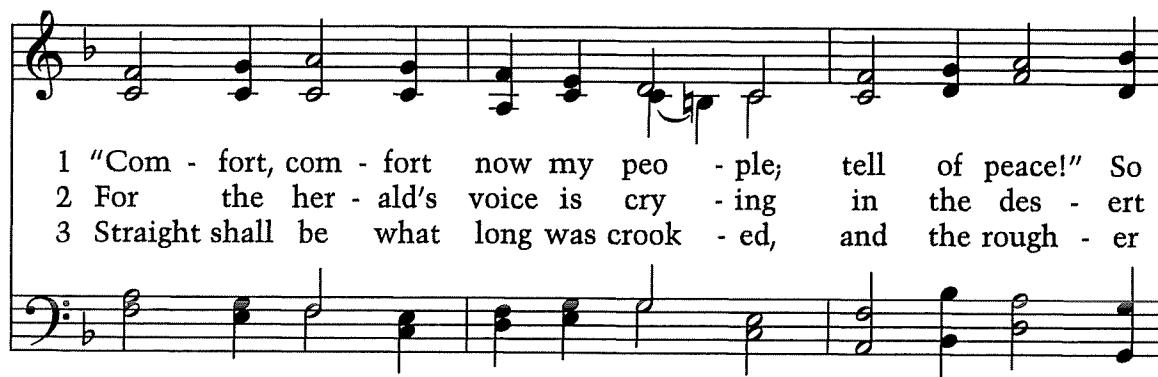
Nursery is available for all children infant through Pre-K.

Children Kindergarten through 2nd grade may leave for Godly Play during the Doxology. For those children remaining in the sanctuary, New to the Pew bags can be found up front filled with fun activities to help them in worship. All children are welcome!

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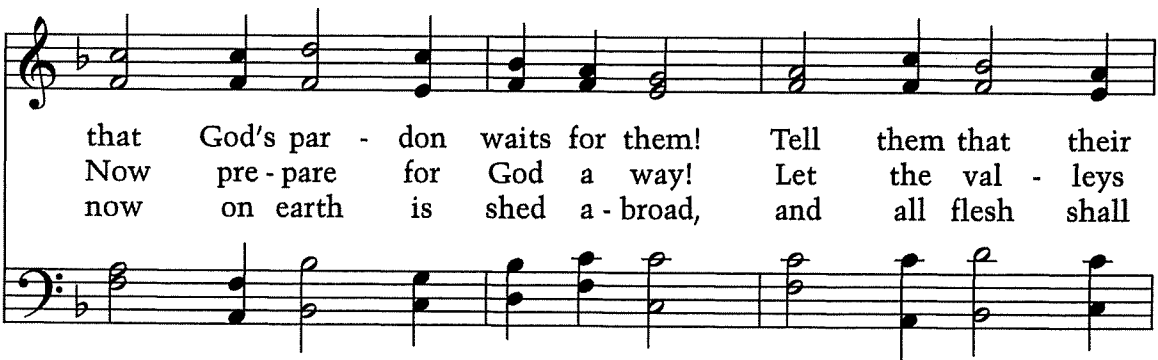
1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So
2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert
3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er



says our God. Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to true re - pent - ance,
plac - es plain! Let your hearts be true and hum - ble,



bowed be - neath op - pres - sion's load. To God's peo - ple now pro - claim
since the King - dom now is here. O, that warn - ing cry o - bey!
as be - fits his ho - ly reign! For the glo - ry of the Lord



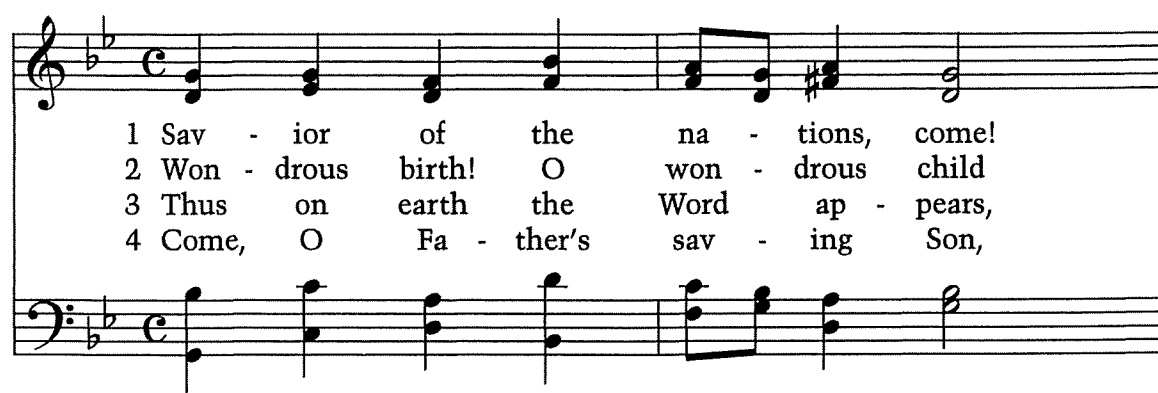
that God's par - don waits for them! Tell them that their
Now pre - pare for God a way! Let the val - leys
now on earth is shed a - broad, and all flesh shall



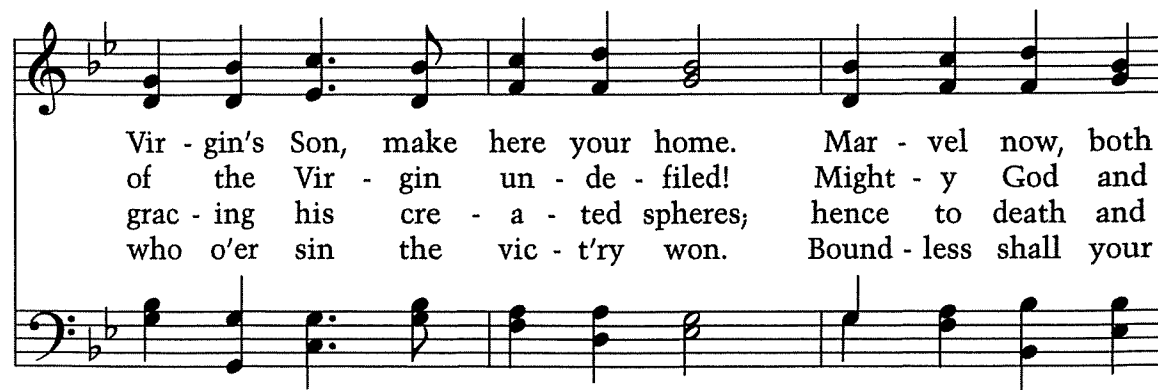
war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er!
 rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him!
 see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Savior of the Nations, Come

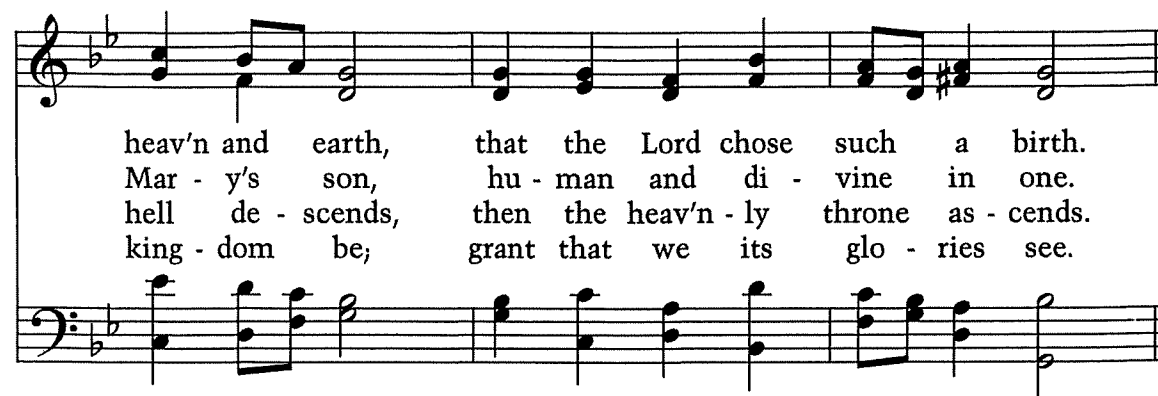
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1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come!
 2 Won - drous birth! O won - drous child
 3 Thus on earth the Word ap - pears,
 4 Come, O Fa - ther's sav - ing Son,



Vir - gin's Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, both
 of the Vir - gin un - de - filed! Might - y God and
 grac - ing his cre - a - ted spheres, hence to death and
 who o'er sin the vic - t'ry won. Bound - less shall your



heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 Mar - y's son, hu - man and di - vine in one.
 hell de - scends, then the heav'n - ly throne as - cends.
 king - dom be, grant that we its glo - ries see.

TEXT: Martin Luther (1483-1546), after Ambrose of Milan (340-397)
 Tr. William M. Reynolds (1812-1876) and James Waring McCrady (b. 1938)
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TUNE: *Veni redemptor gentium*. Arr. Johann Walther (1524)

NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Once in Royal David's City

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is
 3 For he is our child - hood's pat - tern; day by
 4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his

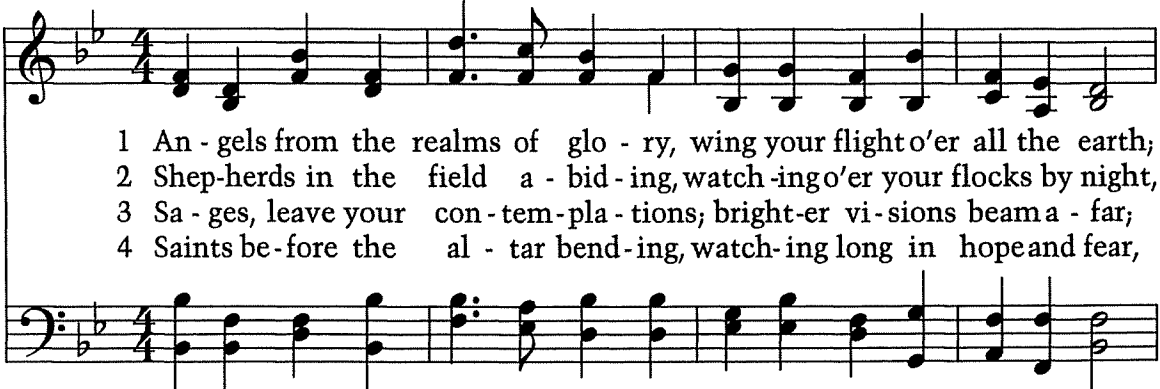
low - ly cat - tle shed where a moth - er laid her
 God and Lord of all, and his shel - ter was a
 day like us he grew; he was lit - tle, weak, and
 own re - deem - ing love, for that Child, so dear and

ba - by in a man - ger for his bed. Mar - y
 sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall; with the
 help - less; tears and smiles like us he knew; and he
 gen - tle, is our Lord in heav'n a - bove, and he

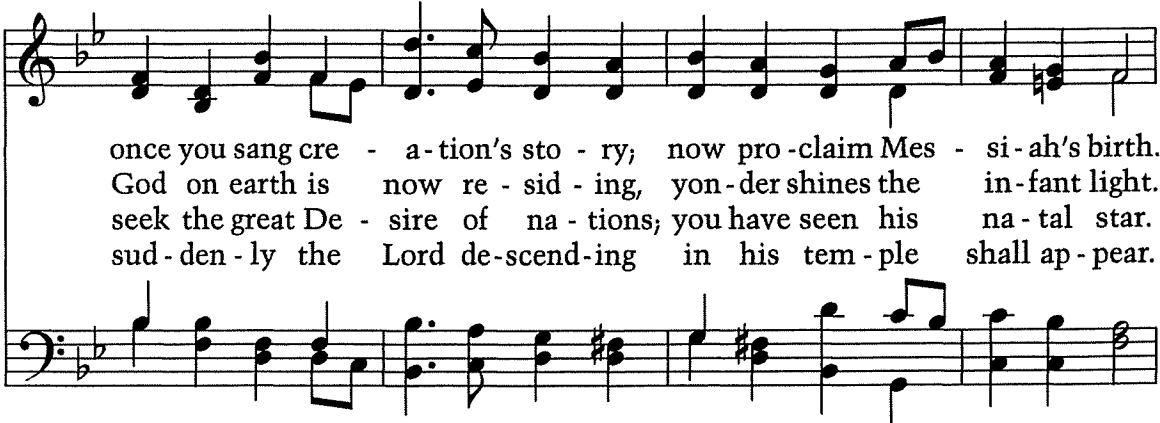
was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.
 poor and meek and low - ly lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.
 feels for all our sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.
 leads his chil - dren on to the place where he has gone.

- 5 Not in that poor lowly stable
with the oxen standing by
we shall see him, but in heaven,
set at God's right hand on high.
There his children gather round,
bright like stars, with glory crowned.

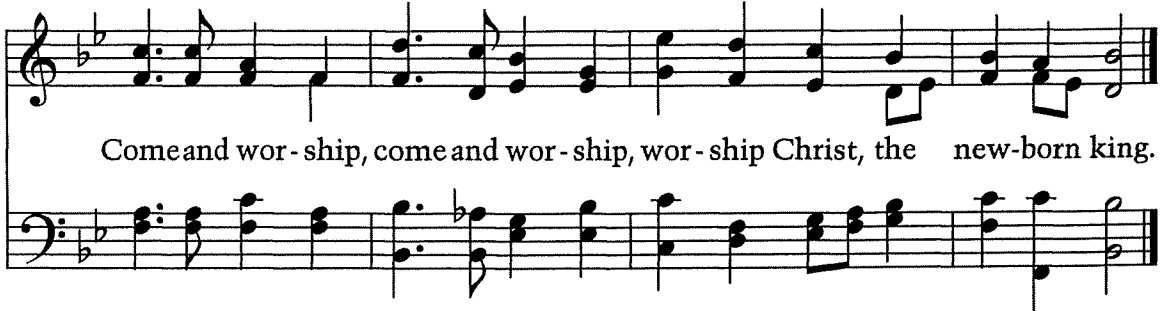
Angels from the Realms of Glory 293



1 An - gels from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
2 Shep-herds in the field a - bid - ing, watch-ing o'er your flocks by night,
3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright-er vi - sions beam a - far;
4 Saints be-fore the al - tar bend-ing, watch-ing long in hope and fear,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry; now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth.
God on earth is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
seek the great De - sire of na - tions; you have seen his na - tal star.
sud - den - ly the Lord de - scend - ing in his tem - ple shall ap - pear.



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new-born king.

- 5 All creation, join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising
to th'eternal Three in One.

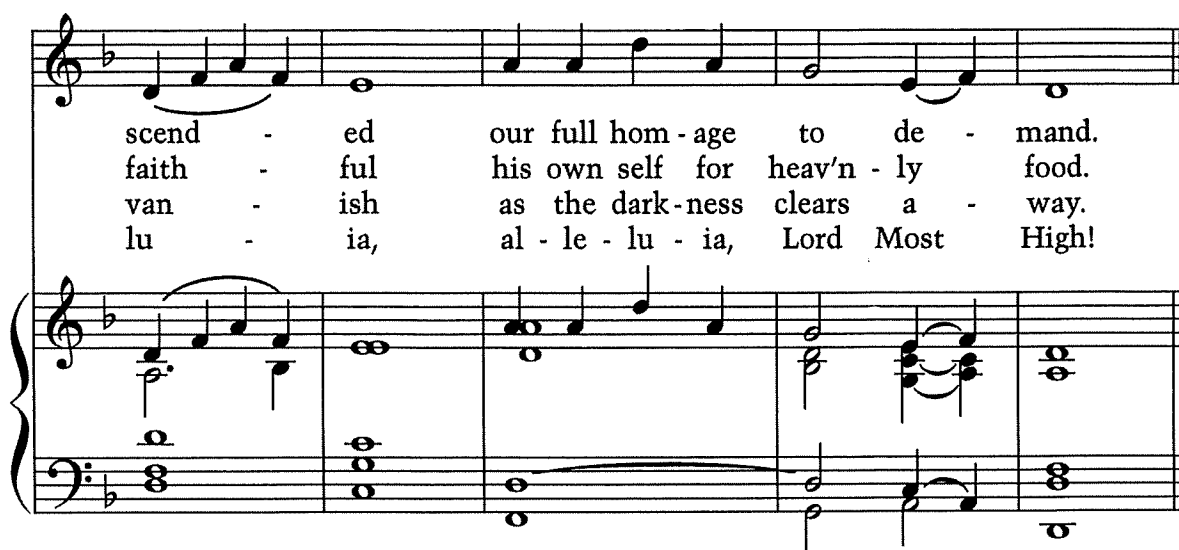
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Unison

1 Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van-guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim, with

trem - bling stand, pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed,
 earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture —
 on the way, as the Light of light de - scend - ing
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,

for with bless - ing in his hand Christ our God to earth de -
 in the bod - y and the blood — he will give to all the
 from the realms of end - less day, that the powers of hell may
 as with cease-less voice they cry: al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



scend - ed our full hom - age to de - mand.
faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.
van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!

The musical score is written for a single melodic line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written on a single staff with a treble clef. The piano accompaniment is written on two staves (treble and bass) with a grand staff bracket. The lyrics are aligned with the melody.

GATHERING IN UNITY

WATCHWORD FOR THE WEEK (MATTHEW 3:2)

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.

**** Please stand as you are able.***

BAND PRELUDE

TRINITY CHIME

ORGAN & CHORAL PRELUDE

Light the Candle — Carl Schalk

During the singing of our prelude, the Advent candle of Peace will be lit.

Light the candle of Peace today, the Giver of peace is here!
Welcome the peace we fight and cry for, but only Christ can give.
Flicker and flame and glow with peace, light up the world around you.

WELCOME

PROCLAIMING GOD'S LOVE

***HYMN #264**

Comfort, Comfort Now My People — FREU DICH SEHR (GENEVA)

BIDDING PRAYER

King's College, Cambridge

Beloved in Christ, be it this Christmastide our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, and the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious redemption brought us by this Holy Child: and let us make this place glad with our carols of praise.

But first let us pray for the needs of his whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth and for unity and brotherhood within the Church he came to build.

And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry, and the oppressed; the sick and them that mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no man can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the Throne of Heaven, in the words which Christ himself hath taught us:

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
But deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Almighty God bless us with his grace: Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all.

***BIDDING CAROL (HYMN #292, VS. 1, 2, & 5)**

Once in Royal David's City — IRBY

THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 3:8-15; 17-19

*God tells sinful Adam that he has lost the life of Paradise
and that his seed will bruise the serpent's head.*

CAROL

The Truth from Above — Ralph Vaughan Williams

*This is the truth sent from above,
The truth of God, the God of love,
Therefore don't turn me from your door,
But hearken all both rich and poor.*

*The first thing which I do relate
Is that God did man create;
The next thing which to you I'll tell
Woman was made with man to dwell.*

*Thus we were heirs to endless woes,
Till God the Lord did interpose;
And so a promise soon did run
That he would redeem us by his son.*

THE SECOND LESSON

GENESIS 22:15-18

*God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed
shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.*

CAROL

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel — VENI EMMANUEL

THE THIRD LESSON

ISAIAH 9:2; 6-7

The prophet foretells the coming of the Savior.

CAROL (HYMN #271)

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence — PICARDY

THE FOURTH LESSON

ISAIAH 11:1-3A; 4A; 6-9

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
as men of old have sung.
It came a flow'ret bright,
amid the cold of winter,
when half spent was the night.*

*Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
the rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it,
the Virgin Mother kind.
To shew God's love aright,
She bore to men a Saviour,
when half spent was the night.*

OFFERTORY*Keep Your Lamps!* — Dr. André Thomas

*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning,
the time is drawing nigh.*

*Children don't get weary
'til your work is done.*

*Christian journey soon be over,
the time is drawing nigh.*

DOXOLOGY & OFFERTORY PRAYER

VENI EMMANUEL

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel is come to thee, O Israel!

The angel Gabriel salutes the blessed Virgin Mary.

CAROL

Gaudete! — Arr. Robert J. Batastini

Gaudete Christus est natus ex Maria Virgine.
(Rejoice! Christ is born of the Virgin Mary.)

*Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;
there he lay, the undefiled, to the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race who have found his favor.*

*Angels sang about his birth, wise men sought and found him.
Heaven's star shone brightly forth, glory all around him!
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight, heard the angels singing.
All the plains were lit that night; all the hills were ringing.*

*Gentle Mary laid her child lowly in a manger;
He is still the undefiled, but no more a stranger.
Son of God of humble birth, beautiful the story!
Praise his name in all the dearth, hail the King of glory!*

THE SIXTH LESSON

LUKE 2:1-7

Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

CAROL

On Christmas Night, All Christians Sing — Arr. Robert Schultz

*On Christmas night all Christians sing
to hear the news the angels bring.
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
news of our merciful King's birth.*

*All out of darkness we have light,
which made the angels sing this night.
Glory to God and peace to men
forevermore.
Amen.*

*Then why should men on Earth be sad,
since our Redeemer made us glad!
When from our sins He set us free
all for to gain our liberty?*

The shepherds go to the manger.

CAROL

Wzlobie Lezy — Arr. Roger Ames

*He is lying in the crib now;
who will come and sing for Him?
Sing for little Jesus Christ,
who was sent to us this day.
Come ye shepherds round about Him,
play your pipes profound about Him.
For this baby is our Lord.*

*Gentle shepherds, come rejoice for Him,
play your music joyfully.
Play your pipes with gratitude.*

*When you play, then we will follow
with your songs resounding.
All together let us go now,
let us see this holy child.
Simply born and gently crying
In a manger's crib He's lying.
Waiting for our lullaby.*

*Gentle shepherds, play your music,
Play with gratitude and joy now,
For this baby is our Lord.*

THE EIGHTH LESSON

MATTHEW 2:1-11

The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

*Little Jesus, sweetly sleep, softly sleep.
Rest in comfort, slumber deep.
Angels come from Heaven winging
gather about your cradle singing,
“on this first bright Christmas morn, holy morn,
Christ, the child our King is born.*

*While their gifts are laid before you,
shepherds and wise men will adore you.
Little Jesus, sweetly sleep, softly sleep.
Rest in comfort, slumber deep.*

*Lully, lullay, thou little tiny Child.
By, by, lully, lullay.*

*O sisters too, how may we do
for to preserve this day.
This poor youngling
For whom we do sing by, by, lully, lullay.*

*Long ago on a clear winter's night
a star in the East burning bright
Looked down on a town that was called Bethlehem,
and suddenly shone like a great diadem!
But the face of an infant below
Was even more brightly aglow*

*As Mary and Joseph leaned over the Child
and saw Heaven there when He looked up and smiled.
Even now, on a clear winter's night
that star in the East burning bright
proclaims the same tidings of Peace and Goodwill
the Christ-child was born among men to fulfill.*

*So we sing Alleluia again
while angels above sing amen!*

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation..

***CAROL (HYMN #281)**

Morning Star, O Cheering Sight — HAGEN

1. Morning Star, O cheering sight!
Ere thou cam'st, how dark earth's night!
Morning Star, O cheering sight!
Ere thou cam'st, how dark earth's night!
Jesus mine, **in me shine;**
in me shine, **Jesus mine;**
fill my heart with light divine.

2. Morning Star, thy glory bright
far excels the sun's clear light.
Morning Star, thy glory bright
far excels the sun's clear light.
Jesus be, **constantly;**
constantly, **Jesus be**
more than thousand suns to me.

3. Thy glad beams, thou Morning Star,
cheer the nations near and far.
Thy glad beams, thou Morning Star,
cheer the nations near and far.
Thee we own, **Lord alone,**
Lord alone, **thee we own,**
our dear Savior, God's dear son.

4. Morning Star, my soul's true light,
tarry not, dispel my night.
Morning Star, my soul's true light,
tarry not, dispel my night.
Jesus mine, **in me shine;**
in me shine, **Jesus mine;**
fill my heart with light divine.

***BENEDICTION**

***MORAVIAN BLESSING**

Come, Lord Jesus, our guest to be
and bless these gifts bestowed by Thee.
And bless our loved ones everywhere,
and keep them in Your loving care.

BAND POSTLUDE

TRINITY CHIME

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for candle trimming & lunch.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Eddie Johnson; Camilla Williams; Bernard Williams; Earline Pryor; Misty Hayes and family; Noelle Nichols; Rameth McKnight; Ursula Pierce; Steven Nixa; Gary Willis; Lily Shaw; Patrick Biggam; Lynn Biggam; Tommy & Nancy McKoon; Scott & Elaine Peddycord; Judi Chandler; George Tasedan; Sandra Shugart; Bill & Mary Hampton; Haley and Zelda Covert, Richard Hughes, and their family; George Hege; Linda Neighbors; Paul Marshall; Denise Williams; Lisa Hampton; Karen Stewart; Holly and Barry Broadstreet; Ellen Steadman (sister of Jane Sofley); William Hughes; Ramona Prestwood; Johnnie Pearson; Romaine Poindexter; Mary Louise Kapp Peebles; Joeann Settle; Joel C. Lineback; Patsy Lineback; Virginia Segar; the family of Dee Brown; Dallas Prestwood; the family of Jerry Wood; Jean Fordham; The family of Charlie Miller; J. Frank and the family of Jan Trivette

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Jacob will be out of the office on December 11th.

ADVENT III & PAGEANT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, all children and youth will meet at 9am in Fellowship Hall to get organized and have breakfast. We'll rehearse from 9:30am-10:30 in the sanctuary and will lead worship at 11am! We hope everyone will join us for this beautiful telling of the Christmas Story told by the future of our congregation.

BREW YOUR FAITH

On December 9th at 7 PM, Pastor Chaz will have his next Brew Your Faith discussion group. The topic of discussion will be "Wisdom". This group meets on the 2nd Tuesdays of each month. The meetings will be held at Lot 63 in Old Salem (614 S Main St). We hope to see you there for fellowship!

BLUE CHRISTMAS

We would like to invite you to a special Advent service in our sanctuary on **December 18th at 3 PM**. This Blue Christmas Service will be a time of quiet, prayer, remembrance, and a moment to acknowledge that while this season might be a joyous one for many, there are those of us for whom this time is difficult. Whether you are struggling with loss, change, or uncertainty at this time of year, or you simply need a space to be quiet in the midst of all the hustle and bustle of the season, we invite you to come and worship with us.

BRUNSON ANGEL TREE - NEXT SUNDAY IS THE DEADLINE!

The holiday season is here, and that means it's time for our 7th Annual Brunson Angel Tree. Since the program began in 2019, the Calvary Moravian Missions Committee, together with your generous support, has brightened Christmas for almost 300 students at Brunson Elementary School through gifts and cozy sweatshirts. We are delighted to continue this meaningful partnership and to help make the season a little brighter for local families once again.

To learn how you can participate, check out the instructions next to the tree, visit www.calvarymoravian.org/brunson-angel-tree, or speak to a staff member. Let's share the joy of Christmas together by being angels for the children of Brunson Elementary!

SALEM BAND HOLIDAY CONCERT

On December 16th, at 7:30 PM, Salem Band will have their holiday concert in our Sanctuary. The music will explore how Christmas is celebrated around the world. The concert is free and open to the public but donations will be accepted accepted for Sunnyside Ministry and Salem Band.

MUSIC CAROLINA: A CELTIC CHRISTMAS

On Friday, December 19th at 7:30 PM, Music Carolina will have their Celtic Christmas program in the Sanctuary. A Celtic Christmas brings alive the spirit of Christmas, the Winter Solstice, and the New Year with traditional music from Ireland, Scotland, England, Canada, and Brittany. To purchase tickets and for more information, visit musiccarolina.org.

OPPORTUNITY FOR COMMUNITY & PRAYER

Virtual prayer meetings will be offered on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, at 9:00 AM via Zoom. The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 9th. This Zoom prayer time will last about 15 minutes, and gives us an additional opportunity to check in and share the people and things that we hold in our hearts. The link to join the meeting is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81364100880>

BREAKFAST BUNCH

December 16th, 9 AM at Carriage House. Please contact Pat George (336) 971-3429 or Linda Smith (336) 978-6082 to RSVP.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

December 15th at 5:30 PM - Trustees Meeting