

# Advent III

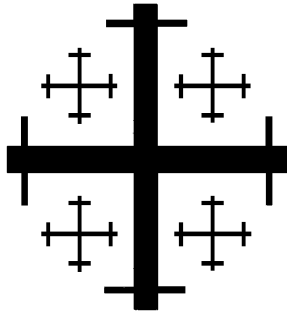
**15 December 2024**

**9:30 am**



CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CHILDREN'S  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
CHRISTMAS PROGRAM





# The Liturgy at Calvary

Christ's presence in our midst in the wonder of the holy supper is cause for singing. The nearness of the God in prayer, in every circumstance, is cause for rejoicing. The coming of one "more powerful" than John, even with a winnowing fork in hand, is good news—and cause for exultation—for us who are being saved. Great joy is the tone for the third Sunday of Advent.

## PENITENTIAL RITE

*Please stand and face the Sanctuary entrance, turning in place, "following" the crucifix the crucifer carries in procession.*

### 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.

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- L "Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire" (Luke 3:7-9). Let us confess all that prevents us from bearing good fruit.

*Silence is kept for confession and reflection*

L Almighty and ever loving God.

**C “Restore us again, O God our savior, and put away your displeasure toward us. Show us your unfailing love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation...”** (Psalm 85:4,7).

L “Sing and shout aloud! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, For the LORD your God is with you, and is mighty to save. The Lord will take great delight in you, quiet you with love, and rejoice over you with singing” (Zephaniah 3:14, 17).

**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 [*Greek*, LORD HAVE MERCY]

ALL *Capo 1* D Eb Bm Cm Em Fm A Bb Bm Cm G(maj7) A(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 Bb Bm Cm G(maj7) A(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 Gm G Ab A Bb

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

Em Fm A Bb 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 Bb Bm Cm G(maj7) A(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 A

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

Em Fm 3 A Bb 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 Bb Bm Cm G(maj7) A(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 Gm G A Bb D Eb

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

ALL D Eb Em Fm A Bb 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 We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand**

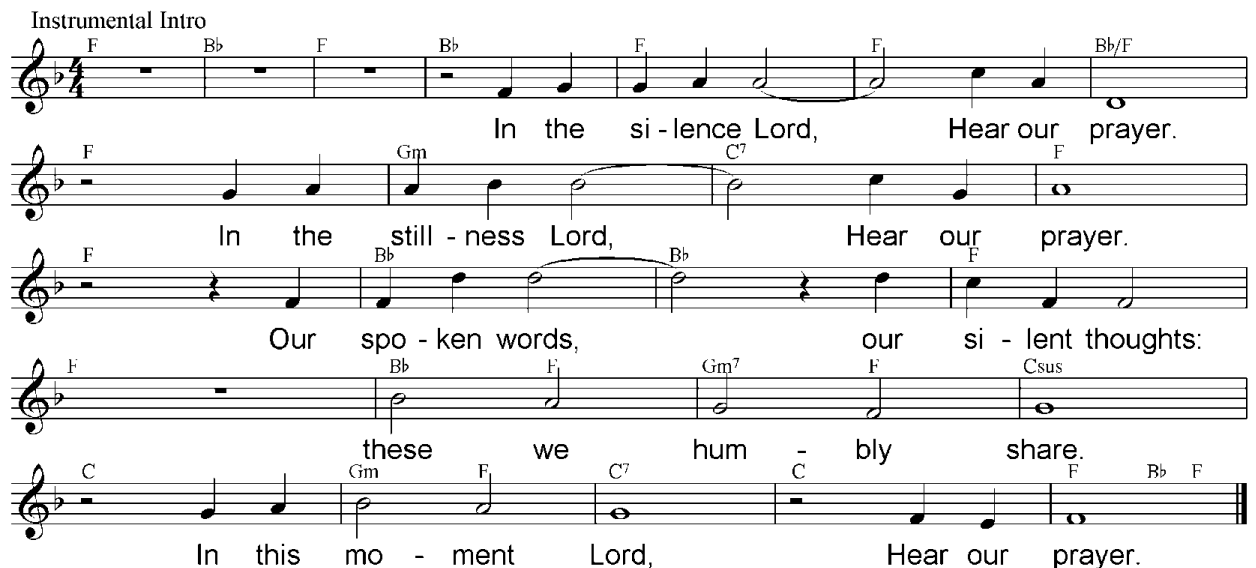
of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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*

- A 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 show one another a sign of peace*

## OFFERTORY

***Vom Himmel hoch, da komm ich Her***  
**Johan Heuschkel, 1773-1853**



## 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 Offertory:

F C/E C/D Dm Dm/C B $\flat$  Gm

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve

C $^7$ <sub>sus</sub> C $^7$  F C/E C/D Dm Dm/C

you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that

Gm F/A C F Am $^7$  Dm $^7$

I might be re - newed. So fill me and

Am $^7$  Dm $^7$  Gm $^7$  Gm/D C $^7$ <sub>sus</sub> C $^7$

heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -

F C/E C/D Dm Dm/C Gm F/A C F

ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

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 as follows:

- Staff 1: [P] The Lord be with you. [C] And al - so with you.
- Staff 2: [P] Lift up your hearts. [C] We lift them to the Lord.
- Staff 3: [P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- Staff 4: [C] It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The lyrics are written below the notes, with square boxes containing 'P' (Psalms) and 'C' (Canticles) indicating the source of the text.

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 -  
 san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

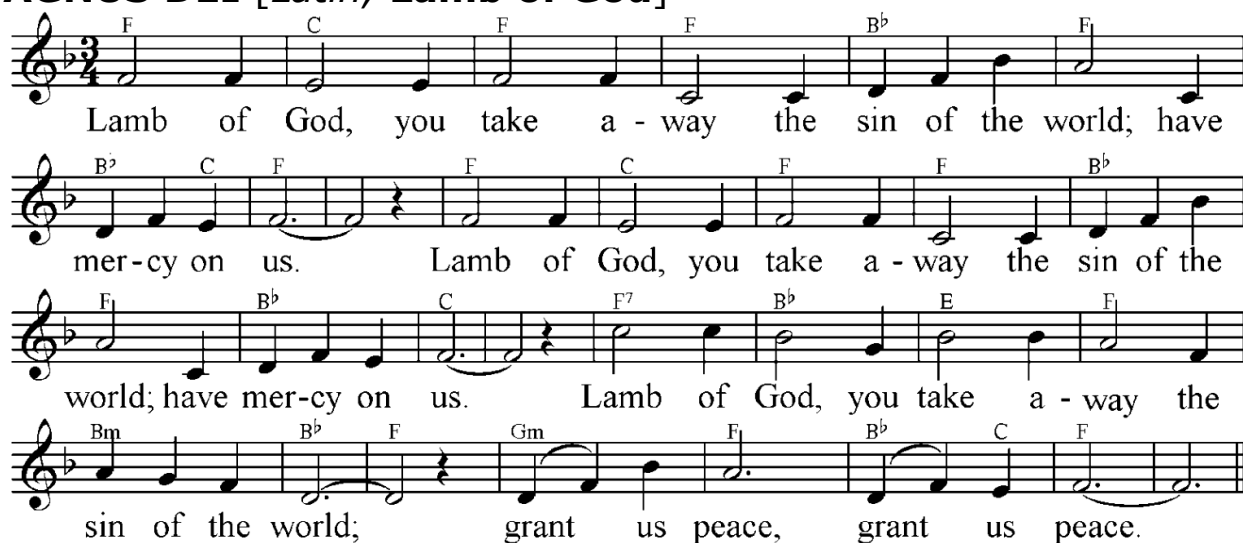
### *Eucharistic Acclamation*

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.  
**ALL 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 [*Latin, Lamb of God*]



### HOLY COMMUNION

**In-Person:** We will commune by continuous line. We will commune the pulpit side first. You will be ushered up in small groups to receive bread from the Pastor and then an individual cup from the tray.

**Online at Home:** If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to communion 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."

One or more songs on the following pages may be sung during distribution of the Sacrament:

## Comfort, Comfort Now My People



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



Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.  
call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the king - dom now is here.  
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits his ho - ly reign!



To God's peo - ple now pro - claim that God's par - don waits for them!  
Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way!  
For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,




Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for - ev - er.  
Let the val - leys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him!  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1611–1684; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.  
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre pseauxes de David*, Geneva, 1551

# Come, We That Love the Lord

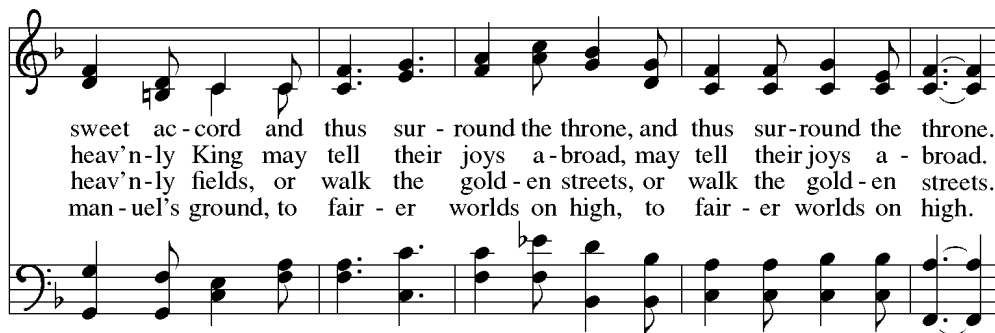
## *We're Marching to Zion*



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
 2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;  
 3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou-sand sa - cred sweets  
 4 Then let our songs a-bound, and ev - 'ry tear be dry;




join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with  
 but chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King, but chil - dren of the  
 be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the  
 we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.  
 heav'n-ly King may tell their joys a-broad, may tell their joys a - broad.  
 heav'n-ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.  
 man - uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

*Refrain*



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:



we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

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... Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ.

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**

# He Came Down



- 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;

Text: Cameroon traditional

Music: HE CAME DOWN, Cameroon traditional

**A** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE** ***Fling Wide the Door***

**Tune: Mach Hoch Die Tur**

**Setting by Nancy Raabe, b. 1954**

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Karen Moxley, *violin, vocals* David Lakota, *bass*

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## **Commemorations This Week**

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### **Las Posadas (LLC)**

**Monday, December 16, 2024**

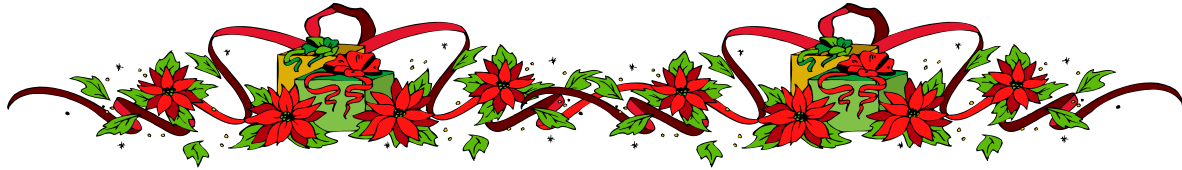
This celebration, long popular in Mexico, takes its name from the "posadas," or lodgings, sought by Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem. Their search is reenacted in a neighborhood, unsuccessfully, until finally they are welcomed in, and a party commences.

### **Katharina von Bora Luther, renewer of the church, died 1552**

**Friday, December 20, 2024**

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.

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## **CAROLING AT THE FLYING SAUCER**

Join Calvary musicians at 6:30pm on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at the Flying Saucer, FTW.

## **CALVARY BLUE CHRISTMAS WINTER SOLSTICE**

Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## **KYRIE PUB CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROL SING**

Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm

Kyrie Pub Church hosts its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long at Shaw’s Patio & Grill (1051 W Magnolia, FTW). Food, drinks, candles, a family friendly atmosphere... all await on this night of singing and Christmas celebration.

## **HARP & FRIENDS CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Monday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm in Calvary’s Sanctuary

## **CALVARY CHRISTMAS EVE SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> 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

8 – Orchestra, Sanctuary Choir and soloists

*(Nursery available during 4 pm & 6 pm services)*

### **11 pm Midnight Mass**

The full liturgy with Orchestra, Sanctuary Choir, and soloists