



1st Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 1, 2024 10:15am

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a “righteous Branch to spring up for David.” The Thessalonians awaited “the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints.” Jesus’ contemporaries hoped for the time “to stand before the Son of Man.” With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of Christ in word and supper.

Gathering Music “Come, Now is the Time to Worship” “Even So Come”
“Come Light Our Hearts” “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

Ring of the Bell Welcome

Invocation

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Candle

In this season of longing and anticipation, we watch and wait for the light of Christ to come among us. God gives the promise of HOPE. God says, “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.” In this season of longing and anticipation, we light the candle of HOPE.

Advent Wreath Song

Hope Waits for Us at Advent

Amanda Udis-Kessler

Hope waits for us at Ad-vent Hope waits for us to trust. Hope waits for our com-mit-ment
7
to a world that’s kind & just. In this time of pre-par-a-tion for the work of all cre-a-tion,
13
for the birth-ing of a world that healsthe ones in pain. Hope is born in us a - gain.

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 4/4 time. It consists of three lines of music. The first line contains the first six measures of the song. The second line starts at measure 7 and contains the next six measures. The third line starts at measure 13 and contains the final three measures, ending with a double bar line. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding notes.

Holy Baptism of Lainey Marie Bangen (p. 227)

The Apostles' Creed (p. 229)

Welcome to the Newly Baptized

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Song for Baptism "You Have Put On Christ" ELW 211

v.1 "Lainey, you have put on Christ." v.2 "You have put on Christ."

v.3 "We have put on Christ."

Confession and Assurance of Forgiveness

In this season of Advent, we celebrate that Jesus has come, and that He promises to come again! When He comes, He will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Jesus came to bring light and hope,

but our hearts are often shrouded by darkness and despair.

Jesus came to bring joy and peace,

but our hearts are often encased by sorrow and turmoil.

Jesus came to bring life and love,

but our hearts are often hardened by selfishness and apathy. Forgive us and renew us, so that we may receive the fullness of Your promise, and live in Your love. Amen.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, the promise is true: God who created the heavens and the earth has also redeemed His creation through the life, death, resurrection, and the return of His Son Jesus Christ. In His mercy, God forgives you and restores you as His dear child. God makes all things new so that you can have hope both now and for eternity. **Amen.**

From everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him.

Gathering Song "Lord of All Hopefulness" ELW 765 (vs. 1,4)

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 33:14-16

14 “‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah.

15 “‘In those days and at that time

I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line;
he will do what is just and right in the land.

16 In those days Judah will be saved
and Jerusalem will live in safety.

This is the name by which it will be called:

The Lord Our Righteous Savior.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-10

1 In you, Lord my God,
I put my trust.

2 I trust in you;

**do not let me be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

3 No one who hopes in you
will ever be put to shame,
but shame will come on those
who are treacherous without cause.

**4 Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths.**

5 Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.

**6 Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,
for they are from of old.**

7 Do not remember the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
according to your love remember me,
for you, Lord, are good.

**8 Good and upright is the Lord;
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.**

9 He guides the humble in what is right
and teaches them his way.

**10 All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.**

Here ends the reading of the Psalm.

I Thessalonians 3:9-13

9 How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? 10 Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. 11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. 12 May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. 13 May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation(sung)

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Gospel Reading Luke 21:25-36

The Gospel reading is found in the Gospel of Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

25 "There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. 26 People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. 27 At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

29 He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. 30 When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. 31 Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

32 "Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

34 "Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. 35 For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. 36 Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Message Pastor Dwaine Sutherland

Song of the Day "All Earth is Hopeful" ELW 266 (vs. 1,3)

Prayers of the Church (Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**)

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music "Messiah"

Offering Response "Create in Me a Clean Heart" ELW 185

Offertory Prayer

Together we pray, **Loving God, as you so generously offered your Son to save us, may we be generous with our gifts of time, talent and self. We pray this from our hearts, Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Words of Institution and The Lord's Prayer

Communion Music "We Wait in Hope"
"I Come with Joy" ELW 482
"Christ Be Our Light" ELW 715
"What Feast of Love" ELW 487

Post Communion Prayer

Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation.
We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace.
We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world.
Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name.
Amen.

Announcements

Temple Talk Jason Burnett, Family Promise

Sending Blessing

God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light,
God, our hope for the journey, bless and keep you now and forever.
Amen.

Sending Song "Soon and Very Soon" ELW 439

Dismissal

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel!
We will! Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF: Marie Engwall

HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Gary Quale, Barb Haarstad, Adyssey Barrett

THE BULLETIN IS SPONSORED IN LOVING MEMORY OF RICHARD TOUTGE BY HIS WIFE CAROL AND FAMILIES.



Baptized into the life of Christ is Lainey Marie Bangen, daughter of Eric & Rachel (Kallevig) Bangen. Lainey's sponsor is Grant Bangen. Welcome Lainey.

Serving Sunday 10:15am

Preaching: Pastor Dwaine Sutherland
Presiding: Pastor Amy Juel
Acolytes: Colby Laingen, Crosby Pederson
Communion Assistants: Caleb & Kim Hanson
Greeters: Wayne & Linda Nelson, Dennis & Sharon Eastman
Lector: Laura Sehloff
Office: Julie Olson - 9:30am to 11:15am
Sound: Mark Bloomquist
Video: David Sehloff

If you or a loved one would like a pastoral visit (ill, hospitalized, or just because), please contact:

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Our pastors are always willing to provide support in time of need.

MEMORIAL TREE

Honoring the memory of those we have lost

Looking for individuals or families willing to help with set up the first week of December, maintaining, and take down of the Memorial Tree. Please contact the church office or Krista Willis at 320-905-2946. Our Memorial Tree will be located at the east entrance. You may add your ornaments during regular office hours, M-F, 7:30 to 4:30pm. Please pick them back up by Monday, January 6th, or they will be stored for next time. Thank you!

DEACONESS MEETING

Deaconess Meeting will meet on Wednesday, December 4 at 1:30pm in the Friendship Room.

ORDER YOUR POINSETTIAS

Would you like to give a poinsettia plant for decorating our church during this Christmas season? The poinsettias are given 'in memory of' or 'in honor of' a loved one. The cost is \$10 per plant. Stop by the church office along with your payment. Please make checks payable to Calvary Lutheran Church. **The deadline for ordering these plants is December 2nd.** You may take your plant home after the service on **December 24th.**

NAME TAGS

We will be placing an order for Name Tags. If you need one, please contact the church office. Thank you.

CREATION CARE

Solar Lights for Ukraine - Update

Thanks to the generous contributions, we have raised funds for 100 lights to ship to Ukraine. Putting the parts together is not complicated. We now need volunteers to assemble and get ready to ship. Come join other community volunteers on **Tuesday, Dec 3, at 6:30 at Vinje**. Thank you, Creation Care teams of Vinje, Calvary and Bethel Congregations.

NTY

Friday, December 13

12:00 Noon

Terry Shaw will entertain us with his Christmas medley of Christmas carols and other wintery tunes. If you still have a Christmas sweater hanging back in your closet, dig it out & wear it to NTY! Our Christmas attire and Christmas music will surely make our Christmas season festive and joyful!! Please call the church office by 4:30 P.M. Wednesday, December 11th to register. Guests are always welcome. The catered lunch will be \$7.00, payable the day of NTY. Please pay when you arrive and not at the church office. (Note that cancellations after Wednesday and no-shows, will still require payment.) Also, please bring a few Christmas cookies or any treat, if you are able, to share for our dessert. If you can't come for lunch, you're welcome to come for the program at 1:00 p.m. Thank you. If any questions, please call Diane Asche at 295-8938. **This will be our last NTY until April, 2025, as we have been taking three months off in the winter.**

GIVING TREE

Once again, the Social Kindness will be providing each of us the opportunity to give a Christmas gift to someone in our community in need. Our Giving Tree, filled with ornaments, will be going up November 23. That will give each of you plenty of time to choose an ornament (or 2), purchase the requested gift and return it to the church office before **December 15**. Please use a gift bag and attach the colored ornament to the bag. These gifts bring such joy to the recipients and to the givers, as well. Thank you for your participation.

Social Kindness Committee

TIME AND TALENTS NEEDED

Please consider giving your time and talents to either the Finance or Stewardship Committee! We are looking for individuals with skills in the area of finance who are good with numbers, projections, and have good analytical skills required to prepare budgets and make profit/loss predictions. For the Stewardship Committee we are looking for individuals with skills in relationship building, are comfortable working with people, and have a strategic mind for idea creation, finding solutions, and engaging others. If this sounds like you and you are committed to serve Calvary in this capacity, please contact either Shawn Swenson 218-443-0427 or Caleb Hanson 320-220-4939.

LIBRARY NEWS

Due to no Sunday School on **December 15, 22, and 29**, the library will be closed.

UPDATED

DECEMBER 2024 WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, Nov. 30th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel - Pr. Wayne preaching
Sunday, Dec. 1st	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am Praise Band Pr. Dwaine preaching, Pr. Amy presiding
Saturday, Dec. 7th	5:30pm Traditional Worship - Pr. Amy preaching
Sunday, Dec. 8th	8:00am Traditional Worship 9:05am Sunday School 10:15am YOUTH LED/SS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM/NOISY OFFERING Pr. Wayne preaching, Pr. Dwaine presiding
Saturday, Dec. 14th	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel - Pr. Dwaine preaching
Sunday, Dec. 15th	9:30 Worship with Handbell Choir Pr. Amy preaching, Pr. Wayne presiding
Wednesday, Dec. 18th	6:30pm Blue Christmas
Saturday, Dec. 21st	5:30pm Traditional Worship in the Chapel - Pr. Wayne preaching
Sunday, Dec. 22nd	9:30am Pr. Dwaine preaching, Pr. Amy presiding
Monday, Dec. 23rd	7:00pm Little Norwegian Christmas
Christmas Eve	3:30pm Pr Dwaine preaching, Pr Amy, Pr Wayne presiding 5:30pm Pr Dwaine preaching, Pr Amy, Pr Wayne presiding 10:00pm Pr Wayne preaching
Christmas Day	9:30am Pr Amy
Saturday, Dec. 28th	5:30pm Traditional Worship - Pr Amy
Sunday, Dec. 29th	9:30am Traditional Worship - Pr Wayne preaching, Pr Dwaine presiding

Over the past year several committees have been working on updating the audio and visual systems in the church sanctuary and also on adding acoustical panels to improve its sound. The company that has been contracted for this work is Reach Communications who are located in Champlin, Minnesota. I'm happy to inform you that the acoustical panels have been installed in the Sanctuary. As for the installation of the new audio and video systems, it was felt that with the Christmas season approaching that it would be best to wait until after the holiday season to start that part of the project. Tentatively,

January 6, 2025 had been set as the start date for that installation. We're excited to see this project move into the installation phase and thank the congregation for its support of these updates and improvements to our sanctuary."

Mike Schroeder, A/V Committee Member

A/V Committee Member

Holy Communion Reminders...

**Communion is celebrated at the altar rail on the first and third Sundays of each month. Communion is celebrated by intinction on the second, fourth, and fifth Sundays of each month. Individual cups are available on intinction Sundays for those who prefer not to intinct.*

**Wine and grape juice; bread or wafers and gluten free wafers are available at each communion station.*

In an effort to keep everyone in the congregation as healthy as possible, all who serve Holy Communion use hand sanitizer. According to the Centers for Disease Control, **hand sanitizer is better at killing bacteria and most viruses than hand washing alone.*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

A busy day at Calvary you won't want to miss. We will have a Youth Led service with Noisy Offering. We will also have our Christmas Program.

'Twas the Night Before Christmas

Christmas is a peaceful, calm, hope-filled season... right? No! says Mr. Mouse. He believes Christmas is a season of gifts and stuff and things- "Gimme, Gimme, Gimme!" until our readers tell him the story of a very different, very wonderous Christmas. Join us Sunday, December 8 at the 10:15 Youth Led Worship Service as we hear the greatest story ever told and be reminded that all the stuff and things mean nothing when compared with the real gift of the season, Jesus!

SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, December 10th at 9:30, we will gather in Bethany Hall to do holiday baking. More details to follow.

**REMINDER
ANNUAL REPORTS**

Annual reports are due **Tuesday, December 3**. Please email plueders@calvarywillmar.org.

**Weekly Attendance - 223
YouTube - 147 households
Sunday School Attendance - 45
General Offering - \$7,363.60**



Sunday, December 1

8:00am Worship Service - P. Dwaine preach/P. Amy preside
9:05am Coffee Hour - Friendship Room
9:05am Sunday School
10:15am Worship Service with Baptism - Lainey Marie Bangen
Parents Eric & Rachel (Kallevig) Bangen
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181

Monday, December 2

5:00pm Bell Choir
6:30pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Scouts BSA

Tuesday, December 3

6:30pm Solar Lite Assembly - Vinje
6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181
7:00pm Native American History

Wednesday, December 4

12:00pm Silent Bible Study - Library
1:30pm Deaconess Meeting
5:30pm Singing for Fun
6:00pm Executive/Stewardship/Finance Meeting - Koinonia Room
6:30pm Confirmation – Friendship Room

Thursday, December 5

9:30am Text Bible Study
12:00pm Executive Committee (Zoom)
5:45pm Girl Scout Troop #3655 – Friendship Room
6:00pm Girl Scout Troop #3656 – Koinonia Room

Saturday, December 7

5:30pm Chapel Service - Amy

Sunday, December 8

8:00am Worship Service – P. Wayne preach/P. Dwaine preside
9:05am Coffee Hour - Friendship Room
9:05am Sunday School
10:15am Worship Service – SS Program/Youth Led/Noisy Offering
10:45am Worship Service on KWLM 1340 am or 96.3 fm
1:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181
4:00pm Girl Scout Troop #3515 – Room 201
8:00pm Worship Service-WRAC 181