



Sunday School Christmas Program
2nd Sunday of Advent
Sunday, December 8, 2024 10:15am

Gathering Music
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 Candles

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 PEACE. 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 PEACE.

Advent Wreath Song

Peace Waits for Us at Advent

Amanda Udis-Kessler

Peace waits for us at Ad-vent Peace waits for us to rest Peace waits for our ac-cep-tance
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of the world that we are blessed. In this time of pre-par-a-tion for the work of all cre-a-tion,
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for the birth-ing of a world of gen-tleness and play Peace is born in us each - day.

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.

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.
5 Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth,
6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”
The Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Message “Be Prepared” Pastor Wayne Kopitzke

Song of the Day “Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

The Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of the Church

(Response “Lord, Listen to Your Children” ELW 752)

Sharing of the Peace

Offering Music

Offering Response “Create in Me a Clean Heart” ELW 185

Offertory Prayer

Together we pray, **Generous Father, this Advent Season help us to use your gifts to get ready. Lead us to make positive changes in our lives and the lives of others around the world. 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 “All Earth is Hopeful” ELW 266
“Jesus Loves Me” ELW 595
“This Little Light of Mine” ELW 677
“The B-I-B-L-E”

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

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.**

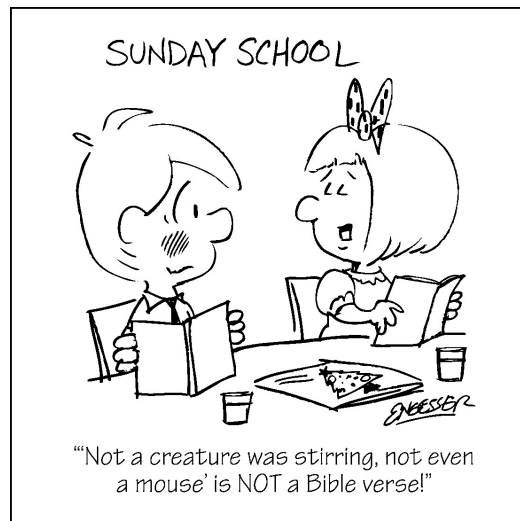
Noisy Offering/Sending Song "Joy to the World" ELW 267

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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HOSPITALIZED THIS WEEK: Gary Quale, Barb Haarstad

Weekly Attendance - 339
YouTube - 187 households
Sunday School Attendance - 46
General Offering - \$20,500.46

Serving Sunday 10:15am

Preaching: Pastor Wayne D. Kopitzke
Presiding: Pastor Dwaine Sutherland
Acolytes: Jasmine Opsal
Communion
Assistants: Bridget Pederson, Val Amberg
Greeters: Gordy & Deb Lindblad, Dean & Joni Hanson, Jakob Nurmi
Office: Alvina Henrickson - 9:30 - 11:15 am
Sound: Shawn Swenson
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.

2024 Calvary Council Leaders

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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!

GIVING TREE

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**There are a lot of ornaments on
the Giving Tree.** Could you choose
an ornament (or 2), purchase the re-
quested gift and return it to the church
office by **December 15 for distribu-
tion.** Please use a gift bag and attach
the colored ornament to the bag.
These gifts bring such joy to the recipi-
ents and to the givers, as well. Thank
you for your participation.

Social Kindness Committee

BAKING DAY

Tuesday, December 10th at 9:30, we
will gather in Bethany Hall to do holi-
day baking.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS BEGINNING IN JANUARY

Is the Holy Spirit nudging you to get
involved with Sunday School? Here's
your chance! Our learners are in
need of a teacher (or teaching team)
in the **FIRST/SECOND** grade class-
room and a part time teacher in the
FOURTH grade classroom. Please
contact Pastor Amy for more infor-
mation!

TIME AND TALENTS NEEDED

Please consider giving your time and
talents to either the Finance or Stew-
ardship Committee! We are looking for
individuals with skills in the area of fi-
nance 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
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Caleb Hanson 320-220-4939
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**GATHER BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18
10:00 AM**

December 2024 "In God's garden: What fig trees teach us about Advent" by Hannah Hawkinson

This Advent, we'll learn from some surprising teachers: fig trees. Astonishingly vibrant, fig trees have a zest for life. Their roots have even been known to bust through plumbing and climb walls like ivy! Yet fig trees also have a dormant period—a time when they do not grow or bear fruit. But this period of waiting and rest isn't a time of waiting around. It's a time of pruning and fertilizing and watering; a time to prepare for the fruitful season ahead.

As we prepare the way of the Lord in this season, we are in our own dormant period of waiting and anticipation. Still, Jesus calls us to "keep awake" and to prepare ourselves for God's coming.

Join us to explore what fig trees can teach us about waiting and preparing for God's coming! All are welcome and copies of the devotional can be picked up in the church office or downloaded from the links below.

<https://www.gathermagazine.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Fig-tree-devotional.pdf>
<https://www.gathermagazine.org/december-2024-in-gods-garden-what-fig-trees-teach-us-about-advent-devotional-video-supplement/>

**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.

MEMORIAL TREE
*Honoring the memory of
those we have lost*

Thank you to all of those who have volunteered to help decorate the church for the holidays. Ornaments can be added to the Memory Tree located at the east entrance. Ornaments must be picked up by Monday, January 6th, or they will be stored for next time.

Want to help take down the tree and store the ornaments join us on Tuesday, January 7th at 10:30am. Many hands make the work more fun. There will be treats.

SILENT BIBLE STUDY

Meeting the 1st & 2nd Wednesdays of the month in December. All are welcome to bring your lunch and join us as we practice silent study listening for the Spirit to speak to us.

**LET'S TALK - CONVERSATIONS
WITH PASTOR DWAIN WILL
RESUME JANUARY 5TH AT
9:15AM**

LIBRARY NEWS

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

CREATION CARE

Creation Care will not be having a meeting in December. Meeting will resume in January, 2025

CREATION CARE TIP

Clear or replace air filters – Save up to \$70 per year. Heating comprises up to 70% of total home energy use. Dirty air filters make your furnace, central air conditioner or room air conditioner work harder to circulate air. By cleaning or replacing your filters monthly, you can improve energy efficiency and reduce costs.



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

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

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

Monday, December 9

5:00pm Bell Choir
6:00pm Exec/Stewardship/Finance
6:30pm Cub Scouts
7:00pm Scouts BSA

Tuesday, December 10

9:30am Holiday Baking
12:00pm Finance
6:00pm Council Meeting
6:00pm Girl Scout Troop #3749 - Room 201
6:30pm Worship Service - WRAC 181

Wednesday, December 11

12:00pm Silent Bible Study - Library
5:30pm Singing for Fun
6:30pm Confirmation – Friendship Room

Thursday, December 12

9:30am Text Bible Study
2:00pm Coffee and Conversation with P. Dwaine - LuLu Beans
5:45pm Girl Scout Troop #3655 – Friendship Room
7:00pm Scouting Round Table - Bethany Hall

Friday, December 13

12:00pm NTY

Saturday, December 14

7:45am Willmar Area Christmas Bird Count
4:45pm Willmar Area Christmas Bird Count
5:30pm Chapel Service - P. Dwaine

Sunday, December 15

9:30am Worship Service - Bells Playing - P. Amy preach/P. Wayne preside
10:30am Coffee Hour

Christmas

Birth of Jesus Word Search

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ANGEL	GABRIEL	MAGI	SHEPHERDS
BABY	GIFTS	MANGER	SHINING
BETHLEHEM	GOLD	MARY	SON OF GOD
CENSUS	INNKEEPER	MESSIAH	STABLE
DONKEY	JESUS	MYRRH	STAR
EAST	JOSEPH	NIGHT	STRAW
FRANKINCENSE	KINGS	SHEEP	WISE MEN

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