

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 6, 2025 - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 7, 2025 - 8:00 a.m.

Divine Service 1 - The Lutheran Service Book (LSB) p. 151

During this Advent season, we truly see that “God has planned something better for us!” (Hebrews 11:40), as we look back on Jesus’ first coming and look forward to his second coming.

Theme of the Day

Repeatedly the author of Hebrews reminds us that in Christ, we have something better.

Wouldn’t it be great if we had someone to fight all our battles? Well, guess what?

We do! Jesus the radiance of God’s glory and the exact representation of his being.

And that means victory—every time!



Are You a Guest? *Welcome! We are so glad to have you. Have a need? See an usher at the entry doors. Want to find out more about our church or school? Include your contact info in the red connection pad. Please Note: Communion will be offered in service today. We encourage you to see more details on p. 9.*

Red Connection Pads

We encourage all in attendance to add your name to the red connection pad at the end of your row or record your attendance online using clcs.org/attendance or the QR code to the right.



A Note on Offerings

In thanksgiving for God’s many gifts, we offer to God what He has first given to us: the first and the best of our time, our talents, and our financial gifts.

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Opening Hymn (Stand on verse 5)

“Savior of the Nations Come”

LSB 332



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and
5 God the Fa - ther was His source, Back to God He



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,
ran His course. In - to hell His road went down,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
God was there up - on His throne.
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.
Back then to His throne and crown.

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P = Pastor; L = Worship Leader; C = Congregation

Call to Worship

The Invocation - Matthew 28:19

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus—

C: **By a new and living way opened up for us.**

P: Let us draw near to God with sincere hearts and in full assurance of faith—

C: **Having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience.**

P: Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess—

C: **He who promised is faithful and he will do it!**

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Confession of Sin & Announcement of Forgiveness

The Absolution - John 20:21-23

P: During this season of Advent, we prepare ourselves for the coming of our Savior.
For If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us therefore come before Him in humility and honesty. We pray:

C: Merciful Father, too often we are like the Israelites in our Bible reading today. We gripe and grumble. We whimper and whine. Too often we believe the lie that you aren't with us. That you don't care. That you don't listen. That you don't provide. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, and forgive us all our sins. Amen.

P: The glory of the LORD appeared in the Old Testament to bring victory to God's people. And yet, God's Word promises that in Christ we have a better glory, for Jesus has decisively defeated sin and shame. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Response

"Savior of the Nations Come"

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6 For You are the Fa - ther's Son Who in flesh the
7 From the man - ger new - born light Shines in glo - ry
8 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther sing, Glo - ry to the

vic - t'ry won. By Your might - y pow'r make whole
through the night. Dark - ness there no more re - sides;
Son, our king, Glo - ry to the Spir - it be

All our ills of flesh and soul.
In this light faith now a - bides.
Now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Second Sunday of Advent - The Candle of Peace

P: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,

C: The light no darkness can overcome

P: Each week in Advent, we light a new candle, marking the gifts of hope, peace, joy, and love, for Jesus Christ is the Prince of Peace and Lord of love.

C: We wait for the Lord, and in His Word we rest.

P: O Lord, let the lighting of these candles signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us to reflect Your light in all we do and say; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.



The candles of hope and peace are lit, as we sing...

Advent Hymn

"We Light the Advent Candle"

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1 We light the Advent candle
And wait for Christ to come.
With hope, we trust the promise
That He will bring us home.
Our hope is in our Savior
Who wins for us God's favor.
We wait with growing light
Till God makes all things right!

2 We light the Advent candle
And thank the Lord for rest.
With peace, we know our Jesus
Has come to be our guest.
This peace beyond all knowing
Within our hearts is glowing.
We wait with growing light
Till God makes all things right!

Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray. Father in heaven, we thank you for your glory that was present with Israel in a cloud and all the more present with us in your Son, Jesus. Empower us to believe that with your glory leading us, we will live from victory to victory, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Children's Message *(Please be seated)*

✠ The Word of the Lord ✠

First Reading

“Behold the glory of the Lord”

Exodus 16:1-10

¹ [The Israelites] set out from Elim, and all the congregation of the people of Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. ² And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness, ³ and the people of Israel said to them, “Would that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the meat pots and ate bread to the full, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” ⁴ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not. ⁵ On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather daily.” ⁶ So Moses and Aaron said to all the people of Israel, “At evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷ and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your grumbling against the Lord. For what are we, that you grumble against us?” ⁸ And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you in the evening meat to eat and in the morning bread to the full, because the Lord has heard your grumbling that you grumble against him—what are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the Lord.” ⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, ‘Come near before the Lord, for he has heard your grumbling.’” ¹⁰ And as soon as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the people of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

“He is the radiance of the glory of God”

Hebrews 1:1-4

¹ Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, ² but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. ³ He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴ having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Jesus said, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

Matthew 4:4

Alleluia Verse (5:30 p.m. - Please stand)**“Hark the Glad Sound”**

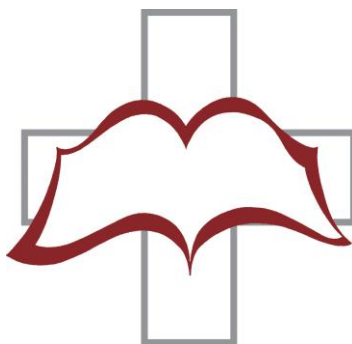
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Special Music (8:00 a.m.) “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”*Calvary Chorale***Holy Gospel (Please stand)****“The glory as of the only Son from the Father”***John 1:6-14*

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C:** Praise to You, O Christ.



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the
 2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot
 3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the
 4 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a
 5 Re - deem - er, come and o - pen wide My heart to



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing
 is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -
 rul - er is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py
 tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -
 Thee; here, Lord, a - bid! O en - ter with Thy grace di -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -
 ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of
 homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less
 ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your
 vine; Thy face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly



va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - jice and glad - ly sing.
 all our woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings.
 sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.
 Sov - 'reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.
 Spir - it guide us on Un - til our glo - rious goal is won.



To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.
 To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.
 To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.
 To God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!
 E - ter - nal praise and fame We of - fer to Thy name.

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Sermon

“A Better Glory!”

Hebrews 1:3a & Exodus 16:1-10

Sermon Series “Something Better” (Week 2 of 4)

Listen to past sermons or share them with a friend at clcs.org/sermons.

Shared Confession of Faith *(Please stand)*

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made, who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering Prayer

Offering boxes are located at each entry door, or you may contribute online at clcs.org/give.

Prayers

- P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs in the name of Jesus, clinging to the comfort of His grace.
- L: As You raised up a voice in the wilderness, O Lord, continue to equip Your people to speak to those in darkness and to call them forth into Your light. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- L: Guide Your Church, O Lord, and all who serve her, that they may be faithful in their vocation as pastors, missionaries, and church workers, and bless this congregation that we may be steadfast in hope, faithful in confession, and united in the work of proclaiming Your holy name in this community and to the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- L: Make the leaders of our nation wise and selfless, Lord, that our country may faithfully use all that You have entrusted to us and that we may act with mercy and justice; lead all nations in the path of peace and bless our armed forces here and abroad. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- L: Lord, open our eyes to those in need that we may extend the comfort of Your grace to the hungry, the unemployed, the aged, and those forgotten in our society. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Lord, give aid to the wounded in body or spirit, give healing to the sick, give relief to the suffering, and sustain the dying in Your peace, especially we remember in our prayers (...*special petitions*). Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: All these things we lift to Your wisdom and grace, O Lord, knowing and trusting that You will do what is best in each of these situations. Hear us now as we bring all our needs to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: Amen.**

✠ Holy Communion ✠

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, welcomes us today to the table to receive of the blessings won for us upon the cross. As we draw near confessing our wayward paths and desiring to live a new life in Christ, we examine ourselves as the Bible encourages us to do in 1 Corinthians 11:28. We therefore pause to consider why Jesus gave us this sacred meal and what He now gives us in it, for this is a meal of...

1. **Forgiveness** - Am I sorry for my sin and desire God's forgiveness? (Matthew 26:28)
2. **Faith** - Do I believe that Jesus is my Savior and that he is truly present in this meal for my benefit? (1 Corinthians 11:26-28)
3. **Fellowship** - Do I come to this table desiring reconciliation with others (Matthew 5:23-24), and am I in agreement with the beliefs of this faith community? (1 Corinthians 10:16-21)

New to Calvary or have questions? Feel free to speak to a pastor before or after service.

Those not receiving communion may remain seated or come forward for a blessing from the pastor.

Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate you are not receiving communion.

When invited forward by an usher, please line up in front of the communion rail.

Gluten-free wafers are available at the end of the first row on the way to the communion rail.

Non-alcoholic (white) wine is available at the center of the communion tray.

After being dismissed with a blessing, please return to your seat using the center aisle.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and singing:

Song of the Angels (*Sung*)

The Sanctus - Isaiah 6:3

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Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

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.

Words of Our Lord

The Words of Institution - Mt. 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20, 1 Cor 11:23-25

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *Revelation 22:20*

Lamb of God

The Agnus Dei - John 1:29

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Distribution *(Please be seated)*

For Prayer & Personal Reflection

“And the whole congregation of the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness” Exodus 16:2

What battles have you been facing in life lately?

**“Then the Lord said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you”
Exodus 16:4a**

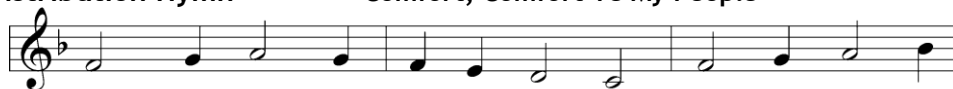
Where do you need to be reminded that you have a God who fights your battles?

**Prayer: Father, from victory unto victory, you lead us on till every foe is vanquished and
Christ is Lord indeed! Amen.**

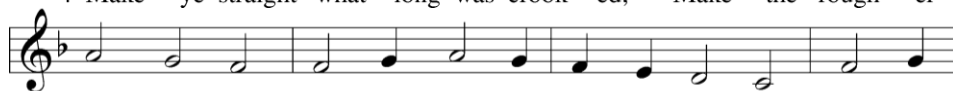
Distribution Hymn

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

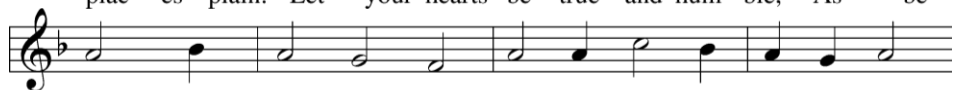
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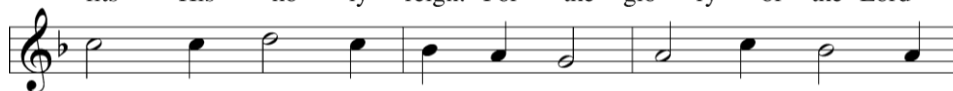
1 “Com - fort, com - fort ye My peo - ple, Speak ye peace,” thus
2 Yea, her sins our God will par - don, Blot - ting out each
3 Hark, the her - ald’s voice is cry - ing In the des - ert
4 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed; Make the rough - er



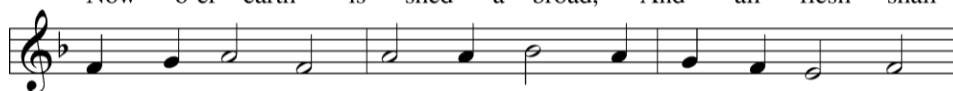
saith our God; “Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, Mourn - ing
dark mis - deed; All that well de - served His an - ger He no
far and near, Call - ing sin - ners to re - pen - tance, Since the
plac - es plain. Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, As be -



’neath their sor - rows’ load. Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem
more will see or heed. She hath suf - fered man - y a day,
King - dom now is here. O that warn - ing cry o - bey!
fits His ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry of the Lord



Of the peace that waits for them; Tell her that her
Now her griefs have passed a - way; God will change her
Now pre - pare for God a way; Let the val - leys
Now o’er earth is shed a - broad, And all flesh shall



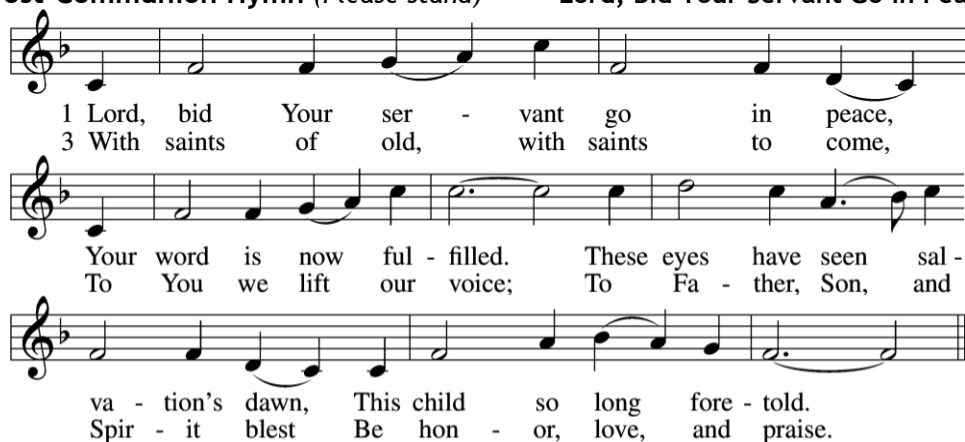
sins I cov - er And her war - fare now is o - ver.”
pin - ing sad - ness In - to ev - er - spring - ing glad - ness.
rise to meet Him And the hills bow down to greet Him.
see the to - ken That His Word is nev - er bro - ken.

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Post-Communion Hymn (*Please stand*)

“Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace”

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1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
3 With saints of old, with saints to come,
Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and
va - tion's dawn, This child so long fore - told.
Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

Post-Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

L: Let us pray.

...who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

The Benediction of Aaron - Numbers 6:24-26

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.



Sending Hymn

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

LSB 545



1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from
4 Word that speaks God's ten - der love, One with God be -
heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth
yond all tell - ing, Word that sends us from a - bove,
Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
God the Spir - it, with us dwell - ing, Word of truth, to
we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.
all truth lead us; Word of life, with one bread feed us.

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Announcements

✝ LEADING OUR WORSHIP ✝

Preacher: Pastor Kurt Ebert
Worship Leader: (5:30p) Bob Romack (8:00a) Pastor Mark Schumm
Organist: (5:30p & 8:00a) Ryan Rosenau
Musicians: (8:00a) Calvary Chorale
Acolyte: (5:30p) n/a (8:00a) Luke Soberalski