

# WELCOME *We are so glad you're here!*

If you're new to Calvary, please stop by the Welcome Center in the lobby. We would love to meet you and give you a small gift.

DECEMBER 17, 2023

## Welcome and Announcements

### Advent Candle Lighting

*O Come, O Come*

*Emmanuel*

*O Come Let Us Adore Him*

### Confession of Sin

### Scripture Reading

*Mark 1:1-8, p. 1063*

### Congregational Prayer

### Sermon

*#20 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

### The Lord's Prayer

### Benediction

### Threefold Amen

## THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

### Today, 12/17

11:45 AM Mission Committee  
Meeting in the Parlor

### Tuesday, 12/19

9 AM Growing Older & Wiser  
Bible Study

### Wednesday, 12/20

3:45 PM Kids Club

### Sunday, 12/24

### Sunday Worship

10 AM Prayer Time  
10:30 AM Worship & Livestream

### Christmas Eve

4:30 PM Candle-Light Service

## A Christmas Message – Love, Joy, Peace, Judgment!

Malachi 3:1-5, p. 1021

Pastor Jim Johnson | December 17, 2023

1. A d\_\_\_\_\_ message
  - a. A clear p\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus
  - b. The message to Malachi's a\_\_\_\_\_
  - c. The message t\_\_\_\_\_
2. A h\_\_\_\_\_ message
  - a. God sends his m\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. God r\_\_\_\_\_ and p\_\_\_\_\_
3. A g\_\_\_\_\_ message
  - a. A message for C\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. A message of C\_\_\_\_\_

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A staffed nursery room is available throughout the service for families who may need it (past the kitchen on the north end of the building).



We have assisted hearing devices for the hearing impaired. Please inquire at the sound booth in the back of the sanctuary.

**OPPORTUNITIES**  
FOR GROWTH AND FELLOWSHIP

**Christmas Eve Services**

10:30 AM Sunday Worship – Join us for Sunday morning worship. The message is entitled “A Definitive Christmas: The Story of the Shepherds”  
4:30 PM Christmas Eve Candle Light Service – “Christmas Through the Carols” – hear the message of the first Christmas as told through some of the Christmas hymns and from the Biblical accounts in Matthew and Luke.

**Annual Meeting & Reports**

Our Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at 12:45 PM. Annual reports are due to the church office by Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Those groups required to provide reports have been emailed instructions and the list is also on the bulletin board.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

- > Thank God that Jesus, the messenger of the covenant, “sits as a refiner and purifier of silver” to cleanse us of sin and make us into the people he intended us to be. (Malachi 3:3)
- > Nation: Pray that the light of Christ would shine brightly into hearts and lives this Christmas season and bring a spiritual awakening.
- > Please pray for Hannah Peterson (Tyler and Kelsey's daughter) as she has appointments at Children's Hospital in the Twin Cities this Thursday with the cardiologist and following up on her neck surgery.
- > Pray for Linda Nelson, who has follow-up appointments in Rochester on Friday.
- > Pray for the services on Christmas Eve – at Calvary and in all places where the truth of the gospel is shared – that many people will receive God’s grace in Jesus, our Savior.
- > Home Missions: Pray that God would raise up church planting pastors, particularly for envisioned plants in Bismarck and Fargo.
- > World Missions: Steve and Glenda Kvale serving with Wycliffe Bible Translators – pray for wisdom as they consider moving closer to Steve’s father, who is 88 years old.
- > AFLC: Board of Publications & Parish Education; Director: Mrs. Marian Christopherson
- > Additional Requests:



*The messenger of the covenant*

**BEHOLD,  
HE IS  
COMING**

**Malachi 3:1**

**WELCOME to CALVARY**

*The purpose of Calvary Free Lutheran Church is to proclaim and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in a way that will impact our families, our community, and the world to the glory of God.*

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