

# 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 24, 2023

## Advent Candle Lighting

*#18 Joy to the World!*

*Come on Ring Those Bells*

*#44 Go Tell It On The Mountain*

## Confession of Sin

## Scripture Reading

*Luke 2:1-7, p. 1090*

## Congregational Prayer

## Sermon

*#35 While Shepherds Watched  
Their Flocks*

## The Lord's Prayer

## Benediction

## Threefold Amen

## THIS WEEK AT CALVARY

### Today, 12/24

4:30 PM Christmas Eve  
Candle-Lighting Service

### Wednesday, 12/26

*No Regular Activities*

### Sunday, 12/31

10 AM Prayer Time  
10:30 AM Worship & Livestream

### *Limited Office Hours This Week*

Please note that the church office is closed tomorrow, 12/25, and there will be limited office hours the rest of this week due to staff vacations. The office will be open again on Friday, 12/29 from 12:30-4:30 PM. The Calvary email and voicemail will be checked if you need to contact us.

## A Superlative Definitive Christmas: The Story of the Shepherds

Luke 2:8-20, p. 1090

Pastor Eric Rasmussen | December 24, 2023

1. These Shepherds were the L\_\_\_\_\_  
A\_\_\_\_\_.
2. These were the Most M\_\_\_\_\_  
M\_\_\_\_\_.
3. This was the Most J\_\_\_\_\_  
O\_\_\_\_\_.
4. This was the Most A\_\_\_\_\_ B\_\_\_\_\_.
5. This is the Most I\_\_\_\_\_  
M\_\_\_\_\_.

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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 Service

Please join us again this evening at 4:30 PM for our Christmas Eve Candle-lighting Service— The theme will be “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 21st, 2024 at 12:45 PM. Annual reports are due to the church office by Monday, January 8th. Those groups required to provide reports have been emailed instructions and the list is also on the bulletin board.

### Winter Bible Study

Starting Wednesday, January 3rd we will again use The Wired Word curriculum for Bible study. Each week will focus on a story from the news, look at Biblical passages that provide relevant principles, and use discussion questions to explore the topic.

Everyone is invited to come to the Wednesday groups that meet at Calvary at either 2 PM or 7 PM. Study guides will be available at the Welcome Center or can be sent to you by email or put in your Calvary mailbox.

## PRAYER CONCERNS

- > Praise God for the angel’s message: “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.” (Luke 2:10-11)
- > Nation: Pray for God’s blessing on Christmas celebrations with family and friends; pray people will focus on the birth of Jesus as the reason to celebrate.
- > Pray for safety for travelers.
- > Home Missions: Waikiki Beach Gathering, Brady Arneson and John German, Pastors; pray for Katie Strommen as she serves at the Gathering; pray especially for their Christmas Eve outreach.
- > World Missions: Jonathan and Tamba Abel serving in Brazil – pray for the Bible Camps they will be hosting in January and February for children, teens and families.
- > AFLC: Youth Ministries; Director: Adam McCarlson.
- > Additional Requests:

THE SHEPHERDS RETURNED,  
*Glorifying and  
Praising God*  
FOR ALL THEY HAD HEARD AND SEEN  
LUKE 2:20

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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