



ADVENT  
DECEMBER 15, 2010

# Calvary Lutheran Church

## Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

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### VESPERS

Once He Came in Blessing

LSB 333

*Stand*

Versicles

LSB 229

### Psalmody

Psalm  85:1-13

- <sup>1</sup>LORD, you were favorable | to your land;\*  
you restored the fortunes of | Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup>You forgave the iniquity of your | people;\*  
you covered | all their sin.
- <sup>3</sup>You withdrew | all your wrath;\*  
you turned from your hot | anger.
- <sup>4</sup>Restore us again, O God of our sal- | vation,\*  
and put away your indignation | toward us!
- <sup>5</sup>Will you be angry with us for- | ever?\*
- Will you prolong your anger to all gener- | ations?
- <sup>6</sup>Will you not revive | us again,\*  
that your people may re- | joice in you?
- <sup>7</sup>Show us your steadfast love, | O LORD,\*  
and grant us your sal- | vation.
- <sup>8</sup>Let me hear what God the | LORD will speak,\*  
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;  
but let them not turn back to | folly.
- <sup>9</sup>Surely his salvation is near to those who | fear him,\*  
that glory may dwell | in our land.
- <sup>10</sup>Steadfast love and faith- | fulness meet;\*  
righteousness and peace kiss each | other.
- <sup>11</sup>Faithfulness springs up | from the ground,\*  
and righteousness looks down | from the sky.
- <sup>12</sup>Yes, the LORD will give | what is good,\*  
and our land will yield its | increase.
- <sup>13</sup>Righteousness will go be- | fore him\*  
and make his foot- | steps a way.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Communion:** Communion will be available after service. This is especially intended for those who are not able to join us on Sundays. However anyone who would like to is invited to stay for communion.

**Christmas Eve & Christmas:** Christmas Eve Service Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup> will be at 7:00pm. Christmas Day Service Saturday, December 25 will be at 10:00am. There will be Communion on Christmas Day.

**Christmas Caroling:** On Saturday, December 18th, from 3:00pm to 6:00pm, we will go Christmas caroling to some of our shut-ins and some local nursing homes. This is an always fun event that allows us to bring the joy of Christmas to people who may not get a chance to share in it as much as they would like. You do not need to bring anything other than an open heart and a joyful voice. Please join us and feel free to bring any friends who would enjoy sharing Christmas in song. We will meet at Church and leave from here at 2:45. Alternatively, you can join us at our first stop, the Jade room at Emerald Springs at 3:00pm.

**Collect for Peace**

**Benedicamus**

*LSB 234*

**Benediction**

*LSB 234*

**God Loves Me Dearly**

*LSB 392*

*Sit*

**Comfort, Comfort Ye My People**

*LSB 347*

**Readings from Holy Scripture**

**Reading**

*Isaiah 40:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." <sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup>Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" <sup>10</sup>Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup>He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

**P** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Reading**

*Luke 1:39-56*

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said,  
“My soul magnifies the Lord,  
<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
<sup>48</sup>for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.  
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
<sup>49</sup>for he who is mighty has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup>And his mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;  
<sup>52</sup>he has brought down the mighty from their thrones  
and exalted those of humble estate;  
<sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he has sent empty away.  
<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
<sup>55</sup>as he spoke to our fathers,  
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

<sup>56</sup>And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.

**Responsory (Advent)**

*LSB 230*

**Sermon**     *God’s Love Speaks Comfort and Joy*

*Isaiah 40:1-11*

**Canticle**

*Stand*

**Antiphon (Morning)**



**L** Blessed be God, the Fa-ther, the Son, and the Ho-ly Spir-it.



**G** O come, let us wor-ship Him.

**Antiphon (Evening)**

*LSB 231*

**Magnificat**

*LSB 231*

*Sit*

**Offering**

**Prayer**

*Kneel/Stand*

**Kyrie**

*LSB 233*

**Lord's Prayer**

*LSB 233*

**Collects**

*LSB 233*

**Collect of the Day**

P Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving**