



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES
Babbtown (Meta 8 am)
Schubert (Jefferson City 10 am)

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The Second Sunday of Advent
December 8, 2024

Order of Worship: Printed below
(with P for Pastor, C for Congregation)
or

found on page 15 in The Lutheran Hymnal TLH

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The Ringing Of The Bell

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn: TLH #1 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

**Open now Thy gates of beauty, Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!**

**Lord, my God, I come before Thee, Come Thou also unto me;
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heaven on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter Thou, Let it be Thy temple now!**

**Here Thy praise is gladly chanted, Here Thy seed is duly sown;
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.**

**Thou my faith increase and quicken, Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken; May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in my strife.**

**Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee, Let Thy will be done indeed;
May I undisturbed draw near Thee While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows, Here is balm for all our woes. Amen.**

Invocation: p. 15 [*Responses Sung*]

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

C: Amen.

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.

Confession: *[Spoken by all]*

ALL: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution p. 16

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: *[Sung]* Amen.

Introit

Gloria Patri: p.16 *[Sung]*

C: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

The Kyrie: p.17 *[Sung]*

C: **Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

The Gloria in Excelsis: p. 17-19 *[Sung]*

C: **Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will toward men.**

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,

We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Response: p.19

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *[Sung]* **And with thy spirit.**

The Prayer Of The Day: *[Spoken by all]*

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Response *[Sung]:* Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 64:1-8

^{64:1} If only You would tear open the heavens and come down! The mountains would shake before You, ² as when fire burns the wood and causes the water to boil. Come and make Your name known to those who are against you, that the nations may shake in fear before You! ³ When You did powerful things which we did not expect, You came down, and the mountains shook before You. ⁴ From long ago no ear has heard and no eye has seen any God besides You, Who works for those who wait for Him. ⁵ You meet him who finds joy in doing what is right and good, who remembers You in Your ways. See, You were angry because we sinned. We have been sinning for a long time, and will we be saved? ⁶ All of us have become like one who is unclean. All our right and good works are like dirty pieces of cloth. And all of us dry up like a leaf. Our sins take us away like the wind. ⁷ There is no one who calls on Your name, who stirs himself up to take hold of You. For You have hidden Your face from us, and have given us over to the power of our sins. ⁸ But now, O Lord, You are our Father. We are the clay, and You are our pot maker. All of us are the work of Your hand.

Epistle Reading: Romans 5:6-11

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰ For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹ Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gradual

The "Triple Hallelujah": *[Sung]*

C: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

P: The Holy Gospel appointed to be read for today is from the Gospel of St. Luke, chapter 3.

C: *[Sung]* Glory be to Thee, O Lord!

The Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6

^{3:1} In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴ As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, "The voice of one crying 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 become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, ⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" "

P: Here ends the reading of the Holy Gospel.

C: *[Sung]* Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

The Nicene Creed p. 22

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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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.

Sermon Hymn: TLH #56 “Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring”

**Jesus came, the heav'ns adoring, Came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came for man's redemption, Lowly came on earth to die;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Came in deep humility.**

**Jesus comes again in mercy, When our hearts are bowed with care;
Jesus comes again in answer To an earnest, heart-felt prayer,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Comes to save us from despair.**

**Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing, Bringing news of sins forgiv'n;
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness, Leading souls redeemed to heav'n.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Now the gate of death is riv'n.**

**Jesus comes in joy and sorrow, Shares alike our hopes and fears;
Jesus comes, whate'er befalls us, Glads our hearts, and dries our tears;
Alleluia! Alleluia! Cheering e'en our failing years.**

**Jesus comes on clouds triumphant When the heav'ns shall pass away;
Jesus comes again in glory. Let us, then, our homage pay,
Alleluia! ever singing Till the dawn of endless day. Amen.**

Sermon: “Why Christmas Happens” Text: Isaiah 64:1-8

(The Offerings are brought forward. Offering plates are at the entrances.)

Offertory p. 22 *[Sung]*

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayers

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

[We invite those who are communicant members of sister Lutheran Congregations, in the fellowship of LC-MS, and are repentant, to commune with us.]

The Preface: p. 24 *[Responses Sung]*

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: It is meet and right so to do.

P: It is truly meet, right and salutary that we should at all time and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:

The Sanctus: p. 26 *[Sung]*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, Blessed is He,
Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna, Hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer: p. 27

**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;**

[Sung] For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Institution: p. 27

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of Me."

The Pax Domini: p. 27

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **[Sung] A - - - - men.**

The Agnus Dei: p. 28 [Sung]

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, Grant us Thy peace.
A - - - - men.**

The Distribution

Distribution Hymns: TLH #312 "Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread"

**Lord Jesus Christ, Thou living Bread, May I for mine possess Thee.
I would with heavenly food be fed; Descend, refresh, and bless me.
Now make me meet for Thee, O Lord; Now, humbly by my heart implored,
Grant me Thy grace and mercy.**

**Thou me to pastures green dost guide, To quiet waters lead me;
Thy table Thou dost well provide And from Thy hand dost feed me.
Sin, weakness, and infirmity Am I; O Savior, give to me
The cup of Thy salvation.**

**O Bread of heaven, my soul's Delight, For full and free remission
With prayer I come before Thy sight, In sorrow and contrition.
With faith adorn my soul that I May to Thy table now draw nigh
With Thine own preparation.**

**I merit not Thy favor, Lord, Sin now upon me lieth;
Beneath my burden, self-abhorred, To Thee my spirit crieth.
In all my grief this comforts me, That Thou on sinners graciously,
Lord Jesus, hast compassion. Amen.**

TLH #58 "O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee" (first tune)

**O Lord, how shall I meet Thee, How welcome Thee aright?
Thy people long to greet Thee, My Hope, my heart's Delight!
Oh, kindle, Lord most holy Thy lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly All that may please Thee best.**

**Thy Zion strews before Thee Green boughs and fairest palms,
And I, too, will adore Thee With joyous songs and psalms.
My heart shall bloom forever For Thee with praises new
And from Thy name shall never Withhold the honor due.**

I lay in fetters, groaning, Thou com'st to set me free;
I stood, my shame bemoaning, Thou com'st to honor me;
A glory Thou dost give me, A treasure safe on high,
That will not fail or leave me As earthly riches fly.

Love caused Thy incarnation, Love brought Thee down to me;
Thy thirst for my salvation Procured my liberty.
O love beyond all telling, That led Thee to embrace,
In love all love excelling, Our lost and fallen race!

Rejoice, then, ye sad-hearted, Who sit in deepest gloom,
Who mourn o'er joys departed And tremble at your doom.
Despair not, He is near you, Yea, standing at the door.
Who best can help and cheer you, And bids you weep no more.

Ye need not toil nor languish Nor ponder day and night
How in the midst of anguish Ye draw Him by your might.
He comes, He comes all willing, Moved by His love alone,
Your woes and troubles stilling; For all to Him are known.

Sin's debt, that fearful burden, Let not your souls distress;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon And cover by His grace.
He comes, for men procuring The peace of sin forgiven,
For all God's sons securing Their heritage in heaven.

What though the foes by raging, Heed not their craft and spite;
Your Lord, the battle waging, Will scatter all their might.
He comes, a King most glorious, And all His earthly foes
In vain His course victorious Endeavor to oppose.

He comes to judge the nations, A terror to His foes,
A Light of consolations And blessèd Hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing. O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth Thy beams so cheering, And guide us safely home. Amen.

The Nunc Dimittus: p. 29 *[Sung]*

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy Word,
For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation:
which Thou hast prepared before the Face of all people,
a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the Glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Thanksgiving: p. 30

P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

C: *[Sung]* **And His mercy endureth forever.**

The Thanksgiving Prayer: pp, 30-31

P: We give thanks to You, Almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift; and we beseech You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith towards You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

C: *[Sung]* **A- - - - men.**

The Benedicamus: p. 31

P: The Lord be with you.

C: *[Sung]* **And with thy spirit.**

P: Bless we the Lord

C: *[Sung]* **Thanks be to God.**

The Benediction: p. 31

P: The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: *[Sung]* **Amen, Amen, Amen!**

Closing Hymn: TLH #74 "Once He Came in Blessing"

**Once He came in blessing, All our ills redressing;
Came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy;
Bore the cross to save us, Hope and freedom gave us.**

**Still He comes within us, Still His voice would win us
From the sins that hurt us; Would to Truth convert us
From our foolish errors Ere He comes in terrors.**

**Thus, if Thou hast known Him, Not ashamed to own Him,
But wilt trust Him boldly Nor dost love Him coldly,
He will then receive thee, Heal thee, and forgive thee.**

**He who thus endureth Bright reward secureth.
Come, then, O Lord Jesus, From our sins release us;
Let us here confess Thee Till in heav'n we bless Thee. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Announcements

Have A Blessed Week!

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BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS: Schubert – Brantly Carver & Gary Lofton.
ORGANISTS: Babbtown – Kathy Bauer; Schubert – Keith Bohl.
USHERS this Sunday: Jim Forbis & John Hanes.
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GREETERS this Sunday: Lynn Lofton, front. Linda Brenner, side.
GREETERS next Sunday: Mary Vida, front. Mary Kuhlmann, side.
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Gary Stroup & Russ Mueller.
ACOLYTE this Sunday: Matt Kollmeyer.
ACOLYTE next Sunday: Mason Mistler.

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A WARM WELCOME to each of you in the Name of Jesus. We are glad to have you worshipping with us this morning.

We pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen and refresh you in your Christian walk of faith, as we feed together on God's Word and Sacrament.

If you are a guest we greet you with special joy. Please be sure to introduce yourself, sign the guest register, and come back soon.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS:

- Jeannette Essen, hospitalized at Capital Region.
- Mary Kuhlmann's daughter Jennifer, hospitalized with pneumonia and high fever.
- Lin Bauer's cousin Brenda, diagnosed with lung cancer.
- The family of Bob Lorenz, whose funeral was yesterday.

OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY is extended to the family of Cally Coatney, Ashley Mueller's goddaughter who passed away on Sunday after a car accident. We comfort them with the promise of everlasting life that Jesus gives to all who believe in Him.

THANK YOU to all who helped with Bob Lorenz's funeral yesterday. We continue to keep his family in our prayers.

TODAY: St. John's Schubert Elders will meet after worship.

Faith Lutheran Youth Progressive Dinner, 3:00-7:00 p.m. Check with Samuel Luetkemeyer for details.

TUESDAY: **Hanging of greenery** at Schubert, 9:00 a.m. Check with Debbie Rademan for details.

WEDNESDAY: **Confirmation Class** (6th-8th) and **Weekday Bible School** (3rd-5th), **6:00 to 7:00 p.m.**
ADVENT WORSHIP continues this Wednesday, 7:00 PM at St. John's – Schubert. We will focus on the Hope of Joseph. Everyone is encouraged to make this a part of their Advent season.

CHURCH DECORATING at **Schubert** will be **next Sunday, Dec. 15** after worship. Please stay and offer a helping hand!

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will be Tuesday, December 17, 10:00 am at Schubert. All women are welcome to take some time to look more closely at God's Word.

CHRISTMAS EVE PRACTICES at **Schubert** will be 5:30 pm on Wednesday Dec. 18, and after worship on Sunday Dec. 22. If you are interested in participating, check the signup sheet or email: stjohndlutheranjcmo@gmail.com

BABBTOWN will be **Christmas caroling** on December 22 – 10:30 at Stonebridge in Westphalia, and then around 12:00 at Marie's Manor in Vienna.

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICES – MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Tuesday Dec. 24: 5:00 PM - Babbtown Christmas Eve Worship, 6:30 PM - Schubert Christmas Eve Worship
Wednesday Dec. 25: 8:00 AM - Babbtown Christmas Day Worship, 9:30 AM - Schubert Christmas Day Worship

POINSETTIAS can be ordered for Christmas by putting your name on one of the sheets at the doors. Six-inch poinsettias are \$9.25 and eight- inch poinsettias are \$17.00.

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY – On the table in the lobby of the church you will find items to help the congregation members be involved in our Pastoral Call Process. We have applied to ask for a Seminary student graduating next spring to be placed as our Pastor. There is not a guarantee that we will receive a placement, but we are prayerful that a Pastor will be provided.

While a paper version is available on the table to fill out and return, we encourage you to use the address below to access and complete the survey online. There is a paper copy of the online instructions on the table as well.

There are also prayer brochures for you to take and use as we ask God to guide this process in the weeks to come. If you have any questions, the Call Committee members are listed in the Prayer brochure. Thanks to everyone for participating!



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/StJohnsSchubert>

DEAR ST. JOHN'S: Thanks for the nice card and message every month. I'm doing fine at Heisinger. Keep busy. Our sewing ladies making Christmas stockings, fidget quilts, baby quilts, pillows for Halo Special Learning and Coyote Hills. Have a happy holiday – lots of love, **Vera Backman**

DISHES AND SERVING ITEMS that you may have brought in the last weeks are on the table in the church lobby, or downstairs in the kitchen. Please check if something is yours. Thanks!

ANY NEWS, INFORMATION, REQUESTS or communications for the churches can be made by leaving a message on the church phone: 573-395-4591. Generally all messages are checked daily. You can also email the church at stjohndlutheranjcmo@gmail.com – and if you have any questions or concerns, we will respond as needed. If you need pastoral assistance right away, you can call Pastor Mueller at 507-360-8033.

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH YEAR: The people of Christ do not sit still or stay silent. We shout, sing, praise, and bless (Psalm 66:1-2, 8). We get to testify after the fashion of the Baptist and loud like the Lord who has opened our lips. May we raise our Gospel-motivated voice For Life to encourage and advocate for those vulnerable to the deception of using death as a solution.

ATTENDANCE: Sunday – Babbtown, 19. Schubert, 92. Wednesday Advent Worship (Schubert), 39.

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**Thanks be to God that we have the opportunity to gather in worship each week.
Make worship and Bible Study and the Lord's Supper a high priority in your life.**

Babbtown

**8:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:10 a.m. Sunday School
and Adult Bible Study**

Schubert

**9:15 am. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

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Hymn # 1: Scripture: Psalm 100:4; Tut mir auf die schöne Pforte; Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty; Author: Benjamin Schmolck (1732, cento); Translator: Catherine Winkworth (1863, alt.); Tune: Neander; Composer: Joachim Neander, 1680.
Hymn # 56: Text: Zechariah 9:9; Jesus Came, The Heav'ns Adoring; A. Godfrey Thring (864); Tune: Sieh, Hier Bin Ich; Source: "Geisreiches Gesangbuch," Dormstadt, 1698.

Hymn #312: Scripture: John 6:48; Du Lebensbrot, Herr Jesu Christ; Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread; Author: Johann Rist (1654, cento); Translator: Arthur T. Russell (1851, alt.); Tune: Herr, wie due willst; Source: "Deutsch Kirchenamt", Strassburg, 1525.

Hymn # 58: Scripture: Matthew 21:1-9; Wie sol ich dic empfangen; O, Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee; Author: Paul Gerhardt (1653, cento); Translation: Composite; Tune: Valet will ich dir geben; Composer: Melchior Teschner (1613).

Hymn # 74: Scripture: Luke 4:18; Gottes Sohn ist kommen; Once He Came in Blessing; Author: Johann Roh, 1544, cento; Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; Tune: Gottes Sohn ist kommen; Composer: Michael Weisse, 1531

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CALVARY NEWS

CALVARY INSIDER – What happened at Calvary last week, you ask?

- Both the Varsity Girls and Varsity Boys basketball teams were victorious in Tuesday's home opener!
- Pastor John Ninke shared an advent message for chapel on Wednesday.



CALVARY CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Join us Friday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. for the annual Calvary Christmas concert! Enjoy pieces performed by the Calvary Choir and Band that are sure to get you ready for the Christmas season!

LION BASKETBALL – Upcoming games at **Home**:

Dec. 10 Varsity Girls/Varsity Boys at 6:00 v. Bunceton

Dec. 16 JV Boys/V Girls/V Boys at 5:30 v. Stoutland

Live stream the games: [twitch.tv/calvarylhs](https://www.twitch.tv/calvarylhs)

Visit [calvarylhs.org/calendar/](https://www.calvarylhs.org/calendar/) to view the full calendar!

\$50 EARLY REGISTRATION BONUS – Registration is OPEN for the 2025-2026 school year! Incoming 9th graders and current 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students can already register for next year! When you apply or re-register for next school year with your *\$100 registration fee before January 6, 2025, you will receive a \$50 credit* toward your student's '25-'26 tuition. REGISTER TODAY!

EXPANDING EXCELLENCE AT CALVARY Learn more about Calvary's long-term plan to grow ministry in a significant way by visiting [ExpandingExcellenceCLHS.org](https://www.ExpandingExcellenceCLHS.org)

DONATE. SHOP. VOLUNTEER. BREAK. – Only 8 shopping days at Calvary's Gift remain before Christmas! The volunteers will be taking a break for the holidays, so the store will be closed December 23 – January 4. Donate your gently-used items. Shop for decorations, gifts, and more! You are also invited to volunteer at the store. This could mean sorting items, handling donations, and ringing up sales. Come see where you can help out in the New Year. Call (573) 821-8875.

SAVE THE DATE –

Jan. 10-11 Calvary Girls Basketball Tournament

Jan. 16-18 Calvary Archery Tournament

Feb. 7-8 Calvary Boys Basketball Tournament

Feb. 6 *Discover Calvary Day (Visit Day for 7th Graders)*

Sermon Outline: WHY CHRISTMAS HAPPENS – Isaiah 64:1-8

Introduction – Imagine the skies being torn open

1. Isaiah asks God to do something dramatic to wake people up
 - a. They are way too comfortable with life and don't think anything will happen to them
 - b. There is little appreciation and thanks to God
 - c. One day tragedy and death will come
2. God heard and answered Isaiah's prayer
 - a. The answer comes 800 years later!
 - b. The heavens are torn open on a "silent night"
 - c. Jesus birth at Christmas fulfills the prophecy
3. How can we be saved?
 - a. We watch the life of Jesus smeared with the rags of our sin
 - b. God takes out his judgment on his own Son on a cross
 - c. He will tear open the heavens and come again to save you from death

Conclusion – Christmas happens so God himself can come to rescue you