



Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church  
Children's Christmas Service  
Dec. 20, 2020

Jesse Tree: Jesus' Family Tree

**The Processional Hymn: O Come Little Children  
(Children sing verses 1&2, congregation sing 3,4)**

1. O come, little children, O come one and all,  
To Bethlehem haste, to the manger so small,  
God's son for a gift has been sent you this night  
To be your redeemer, your joy and delight.
2. He's born in a stable for you and for me,  
Draw near by the bright gleaming starlight to see,  
In swaddling clothes lying so meek and so mild,  
And purer than angels the heavenly Child.
3. **See Mary and Joseph, with love beaming eyes,  
Are gazing upon the rude bed where He lies,  
The shepherds are kneeling, with hearts full of love  
While angels sing loud hallelujahs above.**
4. **Kneel down and adore Him with shepherds today,  
Lift up little hands now and praise Him as they  
Rejoice that a Saviour from sin you can boast,  
And join in the song of the heavenly host.**

**The Invocation**

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

**All: Amen.**

**Responsive Reading**

Leader: The Jesse Tree, Christ's fam'ly tree,

**People: Points us the way to Jesus.**

Leader: From Eden down to Calvary,

**People: Our loving Savior frees us.**

Leader: The promise is for you and me

**People: And points the way to Jesus.**

**Congregational Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

**LSB 357: 1, 4–5, 7**

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear.

*Refrain:*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

2. O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
Free them from Satan's tyranny  
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave. *Refrain*
3. O come, Thou Key of David, come,  
And open wide our heav'nly home;  
Make safe the way that leads on high,  
And close the path to misery. *Refrain*
4. O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,  
And be Thyself our King of Peace. *Refrain*

**The Christmas Meditation**

*Offerings will be collected in the back of the church*

**The Message Presented by the Children**

**Reading: Isaiah 11:1–4, 10; 9:6–7**

**Congregational Hymn: What Hope! An Eden Prophesied**

**LSB 342:1–2**

1. What hope! An Eden prophesied  
Where tame live with the wild;  
The lamb and lion side by side,  
Led by a little child!
2. A shoot will sprout from Jesse's stem,  
A branch from David's line,  
A Prince of Peace in Bethlehem:  
The fruit of God's design.

**Reading: Genesis 3:1–6, 14–15**

**O Jesse Tree (Adam and Eve) children sing**

**Reading: Genesis 9:8–13**

**O Jesse Tree (Noah) children sing**

**Congregational Hymn: What Hope! An Eden Prophesied**  
**LSB 342:3–4**

3. As banner of God's love unfurled,  
Christ came to suffer loss,  
That by His death a dying world  
Would rally to the cross.
4. Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord,  
Lost Paradise restore;  
Lead past the angel's flaming sword—  
Come, open heaven's door.

**Reading: Genesis 12:1–3**

**Song: O Jesse Tree – (Abraham and Sarah) Congregation sings**

3. O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.  
God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!  
*God promised Abraham a son;*  
*His line would bring the Chosen One.*  
O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

**Reading: Genesis 22:6–8**

**Song: O Jesse Tree (Isaac) Men Sing**

4. O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.  
God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!  
*Through Abr'am's line came sacrifice;*  
*But it was God who paid the price!*  
O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

**Congregational Hymn: What Child Is This**    **LSB 370:1**

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the king,

Whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary!

**Reading: Genesis 28:10–14**

**O Jesse Tree (Jacob) children sing**

**Reading: Ruth 1:15–16**

**Song: O Jesse Tree (Ruth) Women Sing**

6. O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.  
God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!  
*God helped Ruth follow faithfully;  
She's now part of Christ's family!*

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

**Congregational Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem LSB 361:1**

1. O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by;  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting light.  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.

**Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1, 10–13**

**Song: O Jesse Tree (David)- Congregation Sings**

7. O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.  
God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!  
*Though Jesse's son was frail and small,  
His offspring would be King of all!*

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

**Reading: 1 Kings 5:2–5**

**O Jesse Tree (Solomon) children sing**

**Hymn: Angels from the Realms of Glory LSB 367:1, 4**

1. Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

*Refrain:*

Come and worship, come and worship;  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

4. Saints before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In His temple shall appear. *Refrain*

**Reading: Luke 1:11–16**

**Song: O Jesse Tree (Zechariah) Congregation Sings**

9. O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.  
God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!  
*Though dear Elizabeth was old,  
Her boy—a prophet—was foretold.*  
O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

**Reading: Matthew 3:1–6**

**O Jesse Tree (John the Baptist) children sing**

**Hymn: Away in a Manger LSB 364**

(children sing verse 1, congregation joins for 2,3)

1. Away in a manger, no crib for His bed  
The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head  
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay
2. The cattle are lowing, the Baby awakes  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! Look down from the sky  
And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me I pray  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care  
And take us to Heaven to live with Thee there

**Reading: Luke 1:26–33**

**Song: O Jesse Tree**

**(Mary) Women sing**

11. O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.  
God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!  
*The virgin Mary, servant blessed,  
Would raise a Son unlike the rest.*

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

**(Joseph) Men sing**

12. O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!

*Joseph the carpenter was true;*

*He cared for Jesus—Mary too!*

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

**(Jesus) All sing**

13. O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

God's promise shows His love for all, and with His Son, He frees us!

*The promise of the Jesse Tree:*

*Our Savior came for you and me!*

O Jesse Tree—Christ's fam'ly tree—point us the way to Jesus.

**The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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**Prayer**

Pastor: We pray:

**All: Father in heaven, You sent Your Son—the Son of Adam, of Jesse, of David.**

**You promised a Messiah through a special family tree. Thank You for making us all sons and daughters in Your family through our Savior, Jesus Christ. In His name we pray. Amen.**

## **Benediction**

Pastor: Our promised Savior is born, and we are made children of God! May the peace of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you today and every day. Amen.

**Recessional Hymn:** O Come, All Ye Faithful *LSB 379*

O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him  
Born the king of angels:

*Refrain:*

O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord!

Highest, most holy,  
Light of Light eternal,  
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;  
Son of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God  
In the highest: *Refrain*

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be glory giv'n!  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing! *Refrain*

## *In Our Prayers*

### **Health concerns:**

Joyce Wolfe	Dan Brackett	Debra Hughes	Kim Noe
Missy Montgomery	Theresa Clark	Tom England	Walter Walker
Fern Harding	Arlene Hazlett	Janalee Gutierrez	Guy Hood
Rose Morris	Bev Donley	William Burkhardt	Louis Linnenburger
Anita Reinertsen	Esther Donley	Mina Montgomery	Beulah Meadows

Allie Clark (family member of Theresa Clark)- fighting cancer  
Lorren- upcoming back surgery  
Glenn - Lori Kugler's brother  
Donna Vilardi- Arlene Hazlett's sister battling leukemia

### **Others:**

DeEtte Lindsey and family, at the passing of her mom  
Pastor Sommerer's family, at the passing of his father  
Lisa Corps- fostering a little girl  
Pastor Meeker, Deaconess Lorna and the Kenya Mission  
Sgt Daniel Colombo deployed to Iraq  
SPC Douglas Havens- stationed at Fort Drum, NY  
Cpl Kaleb Karssen- stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA  
Our nation, our world, our leaders, our neighbors  
Our healthcare workers: Tom, Mark, Jared, Gabby, Evelyn, Diane, Kathy, Shelly, Deb, Lori, Becca

The shape of the poinsettia flower and leaves are sometimes thought as a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem which led the Wise Men to Jesus.

The red colored leaves symbolize the blood of Christ.

The white leaves represent his purity.

### **Stewardship Corner**

**TIME- ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK**      Worship Services      60

**TREASURE**    Gifts received for budget    Dec. 13, 2020      \$4,530.00  
(Envelope and plate only)

### **Announcements**

We will continue to post Worship Services and Bible Studies on our website ([mclcgalesburg.org](http://mclcgalesburg.org)), on our Facebook page (Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church) and on You-tube.



The **Flower Chart for 2021** is up in the mailroom and available for you to sign up for flowers to beautify our church for the coming year!

**Portals of Prayer** for Jan-March 2021 are available on the entryway table.

**If you missed ordering a pie**— there are still some available! Please talk to Leah in the office if you would like to purchase!

**Check your church mailbox!** 2021 envelopes are there! (and some people have other items as well!)

**There is lots going on!**

\* Decorated Christmas Cookies & to-go Christmas Houses can be picked up today after church if you were unable to get them yesterday!

\* Our basket auction in the gym will end today!

**As you are able**, please sit with family members that you are comfortable with during services. This will allow us to have those who need a pew to find a seat easily when they come in.

**LWML is gathering items for Safe Harbor** this holiday season. The donation boxes is in the entryway. Thank you for spreading Jesus' love! We will be gathering items through today Dec. 20th!

**Midweek Class** is on break until Jan. 6th! Have a blessed Christmas!

**We are so thankful for our Children** who shared the message of Jesus and the Jesse Tree this morning in our 8am service. You can watch it online if you were not able to come to first service this morning!

***\*\*Please sign up for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services if you will be attending. The sign up sheet is on the guestbook podium at the entry door.***

The office will be closed on Dec. 24th and Dec. 25th. Leah will be back in the office on Dec. 28th. Pastor and family will be out of town until Dec. 30th.

Pastor can be reached on his cell phone (618) 444-7055.

You can also contact Robert Nichols at (309) 368-8720 if help is needed.

**Advent and Christmas Schedule:**

Sunday Worship : Worship at 8:00am & 10:30am

Sunday School & Bible Class at 9:15am

Christmas Eve Services: Dec. 24th at 4:30pm & 11pm

Christmas Day Service: Dec. 25th at 10am

New Years Eve Service: Dec. 31st at 5:30pm

*To the best of our ability, all services will be recorded and placed online on our Facebook page, our You-tube page and on our website.*