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Children's Christmas Service
Pastor Randy Ott

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 96
Sermon Text: [Psalm 96](#)

We Sing of His Glory

Please devote your attention to the first three verses of Psalm 96, which we just sang as a paraphrase. *"Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples."* ([Psalm 96:1-3](#)).

Have you ever been to a football game? Raise your hand if you have. Those of you that don't have your hands up are liars. So everyone that has been to a football game, raise your hand and keep it up. Keep it up if you went to cheer for the refs. It doesn't happen, right? You don't go home and say, "Man, that head linesman had a great game! He didn't miss a call!" We don't do that, do we? That's kind of silly. We only talk about them when they screw up, right?

What does that have to do with Psalm 96? If you looked at the title of the program this evening, or if you looked at the slide that is on the projector over there, it kind of reminds us that we're here tonight to sing of **His** glory, to tell the marvelous things **He** has done, right?

The kids cleaned up pretty well for a Saturday night. They don't usually look like this behind me on a Saturday night, right? But we aren't coming here to say, "Boy, they looked great! Wasn't that wonderful how good they looked!" That's not what they trained for and prepared for. They came to tell you they wanted to sing of His glory, God's glory. And as they look out at you, mainly they are looking at many people who have been a blessing to them. But they aren't here to sing of your glory, even though I'm certain that is true. We sing of **His** glory, **His** marvelous deeds.

Think about His marvelous deeds. There are all kinds of things. Born of a virgin. God becoming flesh and all of these things. But the greatest marvelous deed that we want to sing about, the one we want to take to heart, the one we want to go home and lay our head on our pillow and know for a certainty that it is true is that the manger led to Calvary. Christ came to earth and lived perfectly because you and I don't. We can't stand in the presence of Holy God. Half the time we can't stand in the presence of each other, right? Yet he lived perfectly in our place.

Then he took all of our imperfections and carried them to Calvary and died so that we might be forgiven. God blessed us with the Holy Spirit in the water and the Word, in the Word, in the wine, the wafer and the Word to create and strengthen our faith.

This evening, the children behind me will share that Word, that message with you that points not to any of us but to our loving God. So don't root for the refs tonight. Keep your eyes on your Savior.