

ADVENT MIDWEEK 1

December 3, 2025

† PREPARATION †

Stand

OPENING SENTENCES *Isaiah 7:14; Jeremiah 33:16*

Pastor: The Lord Himself will give you a sign.

People: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Pastor: In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely.

People: And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

During the hymn, the Advent candle may be lit.

HYMN “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” LSB #338

PSALM *Psalm 98:1–4, 8–9; antiphon: v. 1*

Pastor: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

People: His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

Pastor: The Lord has made known His salvation;

People: He has revealed His righteousness in the sight of the nations.

Pastor: He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

People: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

People: break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

Pastor: Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills sing for joy together before the Lord,

People: for He comes to judge the earth.

Pastor: He will judge the world with righteousness,

People: and the peoples with equity.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

People: His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

O light beyond all praising, You bring hope into our darkness through the promised arrival of Mary's Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Brighten our days and warm our nights, that our work, our worship, and our waiting might be preserved from sin and saturated in holy anticipation for Christ's return; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Sit

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 33:14–18*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CATECHISM The Apostles' Creed

Lector: The First Article

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

Lector: What does this mean?

People: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives my clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

SECOND READING *Luke 1:26–38*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN “The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came” LSB #356

SERMON

MAGNIFICAT “My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord” LSB #934

Stand

PRAYERS

Lector: *Son of Mary and Son of God, we trust that in Your humanity, You know the burdens we bear, and in Your divinity, You hear and answer our prayers. So we kneel before You, just as Your mother knelt beside Your manger, to praise You for Your grace and to look to You for light.*

O holy Child of Mary, we pray for all mothers, that they might know the honor of being called by You to lead and serve their children. Bless all who became mothers unexpectedly; protect them from discouragement and supply them with peace and patience. Send safety particularly to mothers in the middle of

pregnancy; grant them equal measures of joyful anticipation and good health. Son of Mary,

People: *hear our prayer.*

Lector: O holy Child of Bethlehem, we pray for the hearts of Your people during this season of distraction. Give Your faithful an unwavering joy for this season and an eagerness to greet You when You come again. Make all believers lights in a dark world, that they might shine like stars with purity and hope, and in so doing, win others for Your kingdom through the power of Your Gospel. Son of David,

People: *hear our prayer.*

Lector: Only-begotten Son of the Father, You came as a light for all nations. Restrain evil leaders, bring an end to violence and discord, and kindle in all people a pursuit of peace and righteousness. Make us believers the first to help rather than hurt, meeting the needs of our neighbors as we have been equipped to do, so that all people might come to Your light and praise the brightness of Your rising. Son of God,

People: *hear our prayer.*

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: *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.
For Thine is the kingdom
 and the power and the glory
 forever and ever. Amen.*

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

People: *I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.*

BENEDICAMUS

Lector: *Let us bless the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

CLOSING SENTENCES *Luke 1:49, alt.*

Lector: *He who is mighty has done great things for me.*

People: *Holy is His name.*

Lector: *To God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—be all honor and glory in His holy church, forever and ever.*

People: *Amen. Christ died! Christ is risen! Christ shall come again!*

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: *The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.*

People: *Amen.*

HYMN *“Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” LSB #374*

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