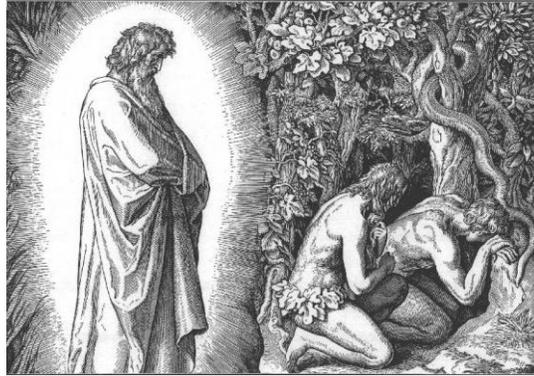


The First Wednesday in Advent

God With Us: # 1: In the Garden

December 1, 2021 – 7:00 pm. Worship



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† Call to Worship †

Hymn # 332:1, 5-6, 8 “Savior of the Nations, Come”



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
 5 God the Fa - ther was His source, Back to God He
 6 For You are the Fa - ther's Son Who in flesh the
 Δ 8 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther sing, Glo - ry to the



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
 ran His course. In - to hell His road went down,
 vic - t'ry won. By Your might - y pow'r make whole
 Son, our king, Glo - ry to the Spir - it be



That the Lord chose such a birth.
 Back then to His throne and crown.
 All our ills of flesh and soul.
 Now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

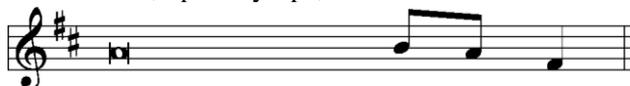
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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the †† Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Versicles

- L** O Lord, open my lips,



- C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

- L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;



- C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

Psalms 8

- P** ¹O LORD, our Lord,
 how majestic is your name in all the earth!
C **You have set your glory above the heavens.**
P ²Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength
C **because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.**
P ³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
 the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
C **⁴what is man that you are mindful of him,
 and the son of man that you care for him?**
P ⁵Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
C **and crowned him with glory and honor.**
P ⁶You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
C **you have put all things under his feet,**
P ⁷all sheep and oxen,
C **and also the beasts of the field,**
P ⁸the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
C **whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**
P ⁹O LORD, our Lord,
C **how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Advent: Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

Sit

† Service of the Word †

Old Testament: Genesis 3:8-15

⁸They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, ***“Where are you?”*** ¹⁰And he said, *“I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”*

¹¹He said, ***“Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”*** ¹²The man said, *“The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.”*

¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, ***“What is this that you have done?”*** The woman said, *“The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”*

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

***“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.***

***¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring;
he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”***

Responsory

L Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

Epistle: Colossians 1:15-22

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him,

Responsory

- L** In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.
- C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

- P** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the first chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.

²⁸And he came to her and said, "*Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!*"

²⁹But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be.

³⁰And the angel said to her, "*Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.*"

³¹*And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.*

³²*He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.*"

³⁴And Mary said to the angel, "*How will this be, since I am a virgin?*"

³⁵And the angel answered her, "*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. ³⁶And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.*"

³⁸And Mary said, "*Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.*" And the angel departed from her.

Responsory

- L** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

Hymn # 342 "What Hope! An Eden Prophesied"



- 1 What hope! An E - den proph - e - sied Where tame live with the wild;
- 2 A shoot will sprout from Jes - se's stem, A branch from Da - vid's line,
- 3 As ban - ner of God's love un - furled, Christ came to suf - fer loss,
- 4 Come, Je - sus, come, Mes - si - ah Lord, Lost Par - a - dise re - store;



- The lamb and li - on side by side, Led by a lit - tle child!
A Prince of Peace in Beth - le - hem: The fruit of God's de - sign.
That by His death a dy - ing world Would ral - ly to the cross.
Lead past the an - gel's flam - ing sword—Come, o - pen heav - en's door.

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Sermon "God-With-Us: In the Garden" Genesis 3:8-15

The Offerings Are Presented

Hymn # 933 "My Soul Rejoices"

1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the
 2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the
 great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me
 great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He
 fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and
 shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion
 bless - ing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and
 halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the
 ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy
 wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the
 sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,
 to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring
 Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!
 God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

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† Prayer †

Kyrie

Mark 10:47 LSB 233

C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Introduction to Collects

LSB 233 Psalm 102:1

P O Lord, hear my prayer,

C And let my cry come to You.

Collect

P O God our Savior who walked in the Garden to be with Adam and Eve in their time of fallenness, who then called them from their despair of sin and death to the hope of a Redeemer, who then came to be that Redeemer; Lord, be with us through all our days of blessing and trial, of hope and doubt, of faith and failure, and guide us as our Shepherd through a world of uncertainty and into the eternal blessings of Your presence.

C Amen.

Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Collect for Peace

- P** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

Lord's Prayer

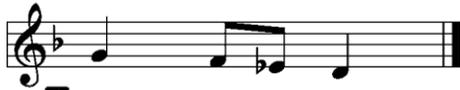
LSB 233 Matthew 6:9–13

- C** 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.

Benedicamus

LSB 234 Psalm 103:1

- L** Let us bless the Lord.



- C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 234 2 Corinthians 13:14

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



- C** A - men.

Hymn # 349 "Hark the Glad Sound"



- 1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



- prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



- throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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