



JESSE TREE





**ADVENT MIDWEEK I SERVICE
JESUS, THE SEED OF JESSE'S TREE**

December 2, 2020

AS WE GATHER

“Very good.” These are the words used in Genesis 1 to describe what God sees as He looks over everything that He has just made. All of creation, including humanity, is perfect and just as God intended it to be. Yet, that perfection does not last long. With Adam and Eve’s disobedience of God’s command to not eat the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, sin enters the world. What was once “very good” is now fallen, imperfect, and not-so-good. Yet, already in Genesis 3:15, the Lord promises One who will save. Eve’s offspring, Jesus, will bring redemption by another tree—the tree of the cross. Through His birth, life, death, resurrection, and return, all creation will be restored and will again be “very good”!

PRELUDE

“Out of The Deep We Cry” - J.S. Bach

THE CURRENT WA STATE MANDATE PROHIBITS CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.

PREPARATION

OPENING HYMN

LSB 572 IN THE SHATTERED BLISS OF EDEN



1 In the shat - tered bliss of E - den Dawned the
2 Days and months and years un - fold - ing Clear - ly
3 What these sac - ri - fic - es prom - ised From a
4 Lamb of God, once slain for sin - ners, Host, who



day of sac - ri - fice, As our pri - mal par - ents
showed what sin had wrought: Fall - en Ad - am's chil - dren
God who sought to bless, Came at last— a sec - ond
spreads this meal di - vine, Here You pledge our sins are



shud - dered— Sin had caused this dread - ful price!
learn - ing Les - sons fall - en par - ents taught.
Ad - am— Priest and King of Righ - teous - ness:
cov - ered, Pledge re - ceived in bread and wine:



Faith em - barked with this dis - cern - ment: On - ly
All these sac - ri - fi - cial of - f'rings Crest - ed
Son of God, in - car - nate Sav - ior, Son of
“Take and eat; this is My bod - y, Giv - en



God can cov - er sin, As He took their leaf - y
as a crim - son flood: Pa - tri - archs and priests a -
Man, both Christ and Lord, Who in na - ked shame would
on the cross for you. Take and drink; this cup of



gar - ments And He clothed their shame with skin.
ton - ing For their sins with cleans - ing blood.
of - fer On the cross His blood out - poured.
bless - ing Is My blood poured out for you.”

5 Taste and see the bliss of heaven
Known by saints around the throne,
Where the Lamb, in closest union,
Lives to love and feed His own.
From His riven side forever
Flows the purest stream of love,
Love that robes us with the raiment
Worn by all who feast above.

6 Gone the bliss of Eden’s garden,
Gone the age of sacrifice;
Ours the time of grace and favor,
Ours the call to paradise!
Ever, Lord, impress upon us:
Only You can cover sin—
Take our worthless, self-made garments;
Clothe our shame and cleanse within.

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Stand

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Isaiah 11:1; Genesis 3:15; Romans 5:19

- P** There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,
C and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.
- P** I will put enmity between you and the woman,
C and between your offspring and her offspring;
P He shall bruise your head,
C and you shall bruise His heel.
- P** For as by the one man’s disobedience
C the many were made sinners,
P so by the one man’s obedience
C the many will be made righteous.

SERVICE OF LIGHT

- P** The Spirit and the Church cry out:
C Come, Lord Jesus.
- P** All those who await His appearance pray:
C Come, Lord Jesus.
- P** The whole creation pleads:
C Come, Lord Jesus.
- P** Awaiting the shoot from the stump of Jesse, we implore:
C Come, Lord Jesus.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who had mercy on Adam and Eve after they disobeyed Your loving command in the Garden of Eden, promising a second greater Adam who is the light of the world. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

WORD

PSALM 141

LSB, p. 245

C **Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

I O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to You.

C **Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

II Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.

I Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.

II But my eyes are turned to You, O God;
in You I take refuge.
Strip me not of my life.

C **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.**

**Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

Sit

ROMANS 5:12-21

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P A reading from Romans, the fifth chapter.

Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GENESIS 1:27; 3:8-15

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P A reading from Genesis, the first and third chapters.

So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

And they 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. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The 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.
I 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."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Stand

LITANY

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our synodical and district presidents, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the President and for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

The prayers then continue:

P For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

C Alleluia.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

P Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C To You, O Lord.

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

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.

SERMON HYMN

LSB 561 THE TREE OF LIFE

1 The tree of life with ev - 'ry good In E - den's
 2 The still - ness of that sa - cred grove Was bro - ken,
 3 What mer - cy God showed to our race, A plan of
 4 Now from that tree of Je - sus' shame Flows life e -
 ho - ly or - chard stood, And of its fruit so pure and
 as the ser - pent strove With tempt - ing voice Eve to be -
 res - cue by His grace: In send - ing One from wom - an's
 ter - nal in His name; For all who trust and will be -
 sweet God let the man and wom - an eat. Yet in this
 guile And Ad - am too by sin de - file. O day of
 seed, The One to fill our great - est need— For on a
 lieve, Sal - va - tion's liv - ing fruit re - ceive. And of this
 gar - den al - so grew An - oth - er tree, of which they
 sad - ness when the breath Of fear and dark - ness, doubt and
 tree up - lift - ed high His on - ly Son for sin would
 fruit so pure and sweet The Lord in - vites the world to
 knew; Its love - ly limbs with fruit a -
 death, Its aw - ful poi - son first dis -
 die, Would drink the cup of scorn and
 eat, To find with - in this cross of
 dorned A - gainst whose eat - ing God had warned.
 played With - in the world so new - ly made.
 dread To crush the an - cient ser - pent's head!
 wood The tree of life with ev - 'ry good.

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SERMON

PRAYER

P Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,

C **and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.**

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.

C Amen.

POSTLUDE

Postludium - Hans-Andre Stamm

CONSIDER JOINING US FOR THE REST OF OUR ADVENT SERIES

Midweek II: Jesus. the Root of Jesse's Tree December 16:

Wednesdav. December 9th. 7:00 pm

Midweek III: Jesus. the Life of Jesse's Tree

Wednesdav. December 16th. 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Service. December 24th. 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Christmas Dav. Fridav. December 25th. 9:30 am

