

MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP I
“Our Advent Journey: to Nazareth”
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Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church
Huron, South Dakota

Hymn Sing and Welcome

Opening Hymn # 332 – Savior of the Nations, Come

- 1 Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.
- 3 Here a maid was found with child,
Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown:
God was there upon His throne.

4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began.

5 God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.

6 For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.

7 From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

(*stand*)8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

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Invocation and Opening Verses

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirt.

C: Amen.

P: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

C: **Shout, daughter of Jerusalem!**

P: See, your King comes to you,

C: **Righteous and having salvation.**

P: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

The Advent Canticle # 357 (2) – Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,

Who ord'rest all things mightily;

To us the path of knowledge show,

And teach us in her ways to go.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel

Shall come to thee, O Israel! *Refrain*

***Ref* Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**

Shall come to thee, O Israel!

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The “O” Antiphon

P: O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation,
mightily ordering all things:

C: Come and teach us the way of prudence. Amen

The Scripture Readings

The Old Testament Prophecy: Isaiah 9:1-7

But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

- ² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shone.
- ³ You have multiplied the nation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.
- ⁴ For the yoke of his burden,
and the staff for his shoulder,
the rod of his oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵ For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult
and every garment rolled in blood
will be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶ For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,
and his name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Following the Reading:

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel:

Luke 1:26-38

Prior to the reading of the Gospel:

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the First Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ And 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, ³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

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

³⁵ And 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. ³⁶ And 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. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ And 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.

Following the Reading:

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ,

Children's Sermon

The Sermon Hymn

334 – O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee?

- 1 O Lord, how shall I meet You,
How welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You,
My hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy,
Your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly
All that may please You best.

- 2 Your Zion strews before You
Green boughs and fairest palms;
And I too will adore You
With joyous songs and psalms.
My heart shall bloom forever
For You with praises new
And from Your name shall never
Withhold the honor due.

- 3 I lay in fetters, groaning;
 You came to set me free.
I stood, my shame bemoaning;
 You came to honor me.
A glorious crown You give me,
 A treasure safe on high
That will not fail or leave me
 As earthly riches fly.
- 4 Love caused Your incarnation;
 Love brought You down to me.
Your thirst for my salvation
 Procured my liberty.
Oh, love beyond all telling,
 That led You to embrace
In love, all love excelling,
 Our lost and fallen race.

5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
Cannot His love erase;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon
And cover by His grace.
He comes, for you procuring
The peace of sin forgiv'n,
His children thus securing
Eternal life in heav'n.

6 He comes to judge the nations,
A terror to His foes,
A light of consolations
And blessed hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing.
O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth Your beams so cheering,
And guide us safely home.

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The Sermon “Our Advent Journey, to Nazareth”

The Exchange of Peace and The Offering

The Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

**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.**

The Responsive Verse

P: Lo, He who is coming has come!
C: We welcome Him with thankful hearts.
P: Lo, He who has come is coming!
C: We wait for Him with fervent faith.
P: Lo, He comes!
C: Even so, come, Lord Jesus!

The Benediction

**P: The Almighty and Merciful Lord, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and keep us
as we await the coming of our Savior.**
C: Amen.

The Closing Hymn # 933 – My Soul Rejoices (“Mary’s Song)

1 My soul rejoices,
My spirit voices—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
For God my Savior
Has shown me favor—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
With praise and blessing,
Join in confessing
God, who is solely
Mighty and holy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
His mercy surely
Shall rest securely
On all who fear Him,
Love and revere Him—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

2 His arm now baring,
His strength declaring—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
The proud He scatters,
Their rule He shatters—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
Oppression halted;
The meek exalted.
Full are the hungry;
Empty, the wealthy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
Here is the token
All that was spoken
To Abr'ham's offspring
God is fulfilling—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

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