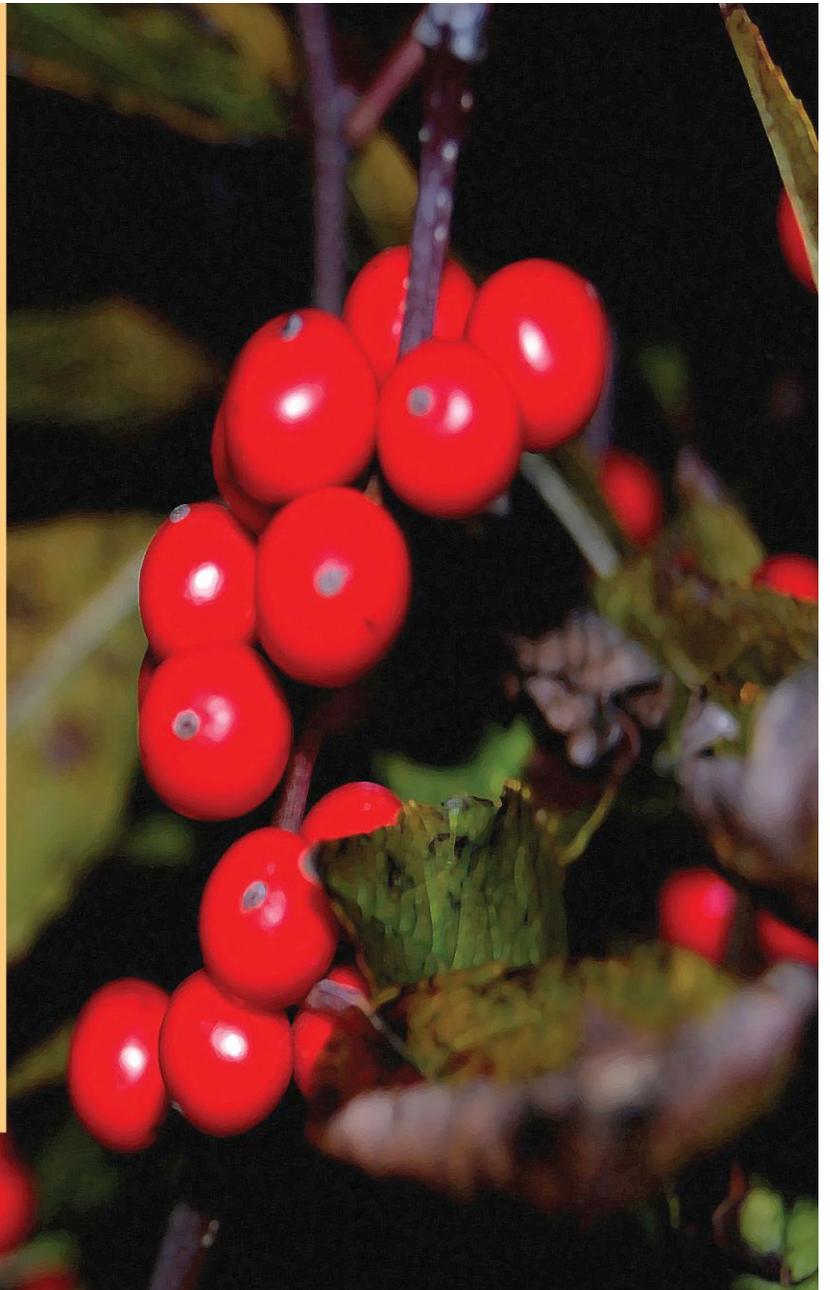




The virgin  
shall  
conceive  
and bear  
a son,  
and shall  
call his  
name  
Immanuel.

ISAIAH 7:14, ESV



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### Our Mission Statement

*Empowered by the Spirit through Word and Sacrament, Lutheran Church of Our Savior will minister in word and action to our members and to the community, witnessing our faith in Christ who saved and gave new life to those who believe in Him.*

As we observe worship inside the sanctuary today, please be respectful of the wishes and needs of others.

- \* If you are sick, do not come.
- \* You may take your temperature at home before coming. If you have a fever, stay home.
- \* Masks are encouraged.
- \* The church will be sanitized. Doors will be sanitized.

### Entering the Church and Sanctuary

- ✝ Outside doors will be propped open wherever possible. Doors to the sanctuary will be propped open.
- ✝ Do not congregate as you enter the church. Do not congregate in the narthex as you come into the sanctuary. Make use of both doors into the sanctuary so that you keep your 6-foot distance from others.
- ✝ Every other pew will be roped off. Please sit in every other pew. Families may sit close together. Please sit 6 feet apart from others within your pew.

### Exiting the Sanctuary

- ✝ At end of service, please wait for an usher to excuse your row. Back rows will be dismissed first. Please maintain your distancing from those ahead of you.
- ✝ Thank you for following these guidelines as much as possible.

# Advent Midweek 1

The Birth of Jesus Christ: It's a Human Story

December 2, 2020

Prelude

Welcome

## 377 On Christmas Night All Christians Sing



1 On Christ-mas night all Chris - tians sing To hear the news the  
2 Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since our Re - deem - er  
3 When sin de - parts be - fore His grace, Then life and health come  
4 All out of dark-ness we have light, Which made the an - gels



an - gels bring, On Christ - mas night all Chris - tians sing To  
made us glad, Then why should men on earth be so sad, Since  
in its place, When sin de - parts be - fore His grace, Then  
sing this night, All out of dark - ness we have light, Which



hear the news the an - gels bring, News of great joy, news of great  
our Re - deem - er made us glad, When from our sin He set us  
life and health come in its place; An - gels and men with joy may  
made the an - gels sing this night: "Glo - ry to God and peace to



mirth, News of our mer - ci - ful King's birth.  
free, All for to gain our lib - er - ty?  
sing, All for to see the new - born King.  
men Now and for - ev - er - more. A - men."

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Opening

P The birth of Jesus Christ is the story of a human mother, Mary, and a father figure, Joseph. They were not

extraordinary people in terms of earthly wealth knowledge, or resources, but they were called by God to do extraordinary things.

- C God called Joseph and Mary to things that were way outside their comfort zone. Yet, they had faith in God's Word and promise, and they were given strength to carry out their assignment.**
- P In the process of following God's calling on their lives, they experienced hardship and a great deal of stress.**
- C Mary and Joseph faced ridicule, shame, rejection, gossip, and even physical danger, in order to follow God's plan to bring His Son into the world as the Child born without a human father.**
- P But God provided what they needed at every step, giving them spiritual understanding and physical resources. As they followed and obeyed God, they were blessed and they were provided for.**
- C We thank God for Joseph and Mary's faith and obedience, that through them, our Savior was brought into the world unharmed.**
- P Their story is a testimony to what God can do: unextraordinary people carrying out extraordinary things by faith and reliance upon God's power.**
- C We thank You God for Mary and Joseph. And we thank You for Your same blessing and provision which allows us to do extraordinary things for You in our day. Amen**

## Readings

### Isaiah 7:10-14

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." And he said, "Hear

then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

### **Matthew 1:18-24**

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife.

### **Luke 1:26–32**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!” But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. 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.

## Luke 2:1–7

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

**Song**

**O Come, Let Us Adore Him**

*TOSB 262*

**O come, let us adore Him**

**O come let us adore Him**

**O come let us adore Him**

**Christ the Lord**

**For He alone is worthy**

**For He alone is worthy**

**For He alone is worthy**

**Christ the Lord**

**For Jesus is our Savior**

**For Jesus is our Savior**

**For Jesus is our Savior**

**Christ the Lord**

**And Jesus is our brother**

**And Jesus is our brother**

**And Jesus is our brother**

**Christ the Lord**

**We kneel in adoration**

**We kneel in adoration**

**We kneel in adoration**

## Christ the Lord

O praise Him alleluia

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Christ the Lord

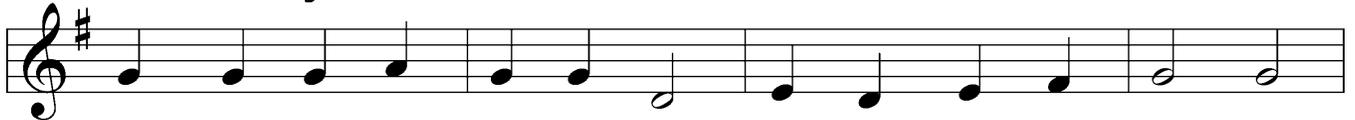
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**Prayer**

**The Blessing**

### 374 Gentle Mary Laid Her Child



1 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;  
2 An - gels sang a - bout His birth, Wise Men sought and found Him;  
3 Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child Low - ly in a man - ger;



There He lay, the Un - de - filed, To the world a strang - er.  
Heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth Glo - ry all a - round Him.  
He is still the Un - de - filed But no more a strang - er.



Such a babe in such a place, Can He be the Sav - ior?  
Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, Heard the an - gels sing - ing;  
Son of God of hum - ble birth, Beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;



Ask the saved of all the race Who have found His fa - vor.  
All the plains were lit that night, All the hills were ring - ing.  
Praise His name in all the earth; Hail the King of glo - ry!

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**Postlude**

## Offering *(As You Exit)*

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