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Wednesday, December 1, 2021 – 1 pm & 7 pm
1st Wednesday in Advent

Prelude
Tower Bells and Welcome
Announcements

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING

Opening Hymn

Lift Up Your Heads

LSB 340

OPENING VERSICLES FOR ADVENT (*Congregation Stands*)

P: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

C: Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.

P: Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Make His paths straight.

P: Shower, O heaven, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.

C: Let the earth open, that salvation may spout forth.

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: The name of the Lord is to be praised.

**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.**

THE COLLECT

Stir up Your Power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE (*Congregation sits*)

Genesis 3:8-15

8 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.
9 But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." 11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to

eat?" 12 The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." 13 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."

14 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.

15 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.

Isaiah 9:1-7

1 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Luke 1:26-38 (*Stand*)

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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY (*Remain standing*)

P: 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.

P: He shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

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

P: 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.

FIRST ARTICLE OF THE CREED AND MEANING (*Remain standing*)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean? 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 me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife 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.

SERMON – “God the Father Promised to Save His Family Through His Son”

SERMON HYMN

From Heaven Above to Earth I Come (vs 1-5)

LSB 358

Collect for God's Word Among Us *Congregation Stands*

C: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BLESSING

P: Let us bless the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

Now the Light Has Gone Away

LSB 887

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude

Depart in His Peace

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Advent and Christmas Schedule

December Worship Schedule:

Wednesday, Dec 1	1 & 7 PM
Sunday, Dec 5 (Communion)	10 AM
Wednesday, Dec 8	1 & 7 PM
Sunday, Dec 12	10 AM
Wednesday, Dec 15	1 & 7 PM
Sunday, Dec 19 (Communion)	10 AM
Christmas Eve, Dec 24	1 & 7 PM
Christmas Day, Dec 25 (Communion)	10 AM
Sunday, Dec 26	10 AM
New Year's Eve, Dec 31 (Communion)	1 & 7 PM