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Wednesday, December 8, 2021 – 1 pm & 7 pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in Advent

Prelude  
Tower Bells and Welcome  
Announcements

SERVICE OF PRAYER AND PREACHING

Opening Hymn

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

LSB 343

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 our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE (*Congregation sits*)

Genesis 12:1-3

1 Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. 2 And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Isaiah 52:13-53:6

13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely;  
he shall be high and lifted up,  
and shall be exalted.

14 As many were astonished at you—  
his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—

15 so shall he sprinkle many nations.

Kings shall shut their mouths because of him,  
for that which has not been told them they see,  
and that which they have not heard they understand.

1 Who has believed what he has heard from us?  
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

2 For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
and no beauty that we should desire him.

3 He was despised and rejected by men,  
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

4 Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Matthew 1:18-25 (*Stand*)

18 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. 19 And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. 20 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. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." 22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(which means, God with us). 24 When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, 25 but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

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.**

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**What does this mean? I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.**

**This is most certainly true.**

SERMON – "God the Son was Born Not to Rule with Power, But to Save His Family with His Blood"

SERMON HYMN

*Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come*

LSB 350

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

*All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night*

**LSB 883**

Silent Prayer, Extinguish Candles

Postlude

Depart in His Peace

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Zion Lutheran Church  
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