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Advent Noon Responsive Prayer.....Luke 1: From John the Baptist to Jesus the Christ

*Note: The liturgy is spoken. The hymns will be sung a Cappella.*

THE OPENING VERSICLE

*Holy God, holy and most gracious Father,*  
**have mercy and hear us.**

THE PSALMODY ~ PSALM 130 (ANTIPHON: V. 8)

*He will redeem Israel from all His iniquities.*

*Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!*

**O LORD, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!**

*If You, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?*

**But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared.**

*I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope;*

**my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.**

*O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
and with Him is plentiful redemption.*

**And He will redeem Israel from all His iniquities.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

*He will redeem Israel from all His iniquities.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**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 APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

*The Reading of God's Word: Luke 1:5–25*

*Response after the reading:*

*O Lord, have mercy on us.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Sermon*

*The Annunciation to Zechariah*

HYMN: LSB 332, STANZAS 1–2,

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it

here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—

That the Lord chose such a birth.  
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.

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*The Consecration*

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

*Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Amen.*

## **The Holy Communion**

*All who receive Communion here must first be instructed.*

*Our pastor will be very glad to instruct you. Please contact the office for an appointment.*

*During the distribution, silently pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ and for those in need  
or meditate on the liturgy, the psalm, and the hymns.*

### THE AFTERNOON LITANY

*Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,  
and grant us Your salvation.*

*Let Your priests be clothed with righteousness;  
and let Your saints shout for joy.*

*Lord, keep this nation under Your care,  
and guide us in the way of justice and truth.*

*Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.*

*Let the peoples praise You, O God;  
let all the peoples praise You!*

*For the needy shall not always be forgotten,  
and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever.*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.*

*Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
let my cry come to You.*

### THE COLLECTS

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

*O God, who alone knits all infants in the womb, You chose improbable servants—old and childless—to  
conceive and parent the forerunner of Christ and, in so doing, demonstrated again Your strength in  
weakness. Grant us, who are as unlikely and unworthy as Zecharias and Elizabeth, the opportunity to love  
and serve You according to Your good and gracious will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.***

*Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being, we humbly pray You so to guide and  
govern us by Your Word and Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget You  
but remember that we are ever walking in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.***

THE BENEDICAMUS AND BLESSING

*Let us bless the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.*

**Amen.**

HYMN: LSB 332, STANZAS 3–6

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| <p><b>3 Here a maid was found with child,<br/>Yet remained a virgin mild.<br/>In her womb this truth was shown:<br/>God was there upon His throne.</b></p> <p><b>4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all<br/>From His pure and kingly hall;<br/>God of God, yet fully man,<br/>His heroic course began.</b></p> | <p><b>5 God the Father was His source,<br/>Back to God He ran His course.<br/>Into hell His road went down,<br/>Back then to His throne and crown.</b></p> <p><b>6 For You are the Father's Son<br/>Who in flesh the vict'ry won.<br/>By Your mighty pow'r make whole<br/>All our ills of flesh and soul.</b></p> |
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## **Wednesdays in Advent**

### **Luke 1: From John the Baptist to Jesus the Christ**

December 6: Luke 1:5–25 • December 13: Luke 1:26–56 • December 20: Luke 1:57–80

*Midday Service at 12:00 noon and Vespers Services at 7:00 pm, both with Holy Communion  
a light supper precedes the evening service*

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