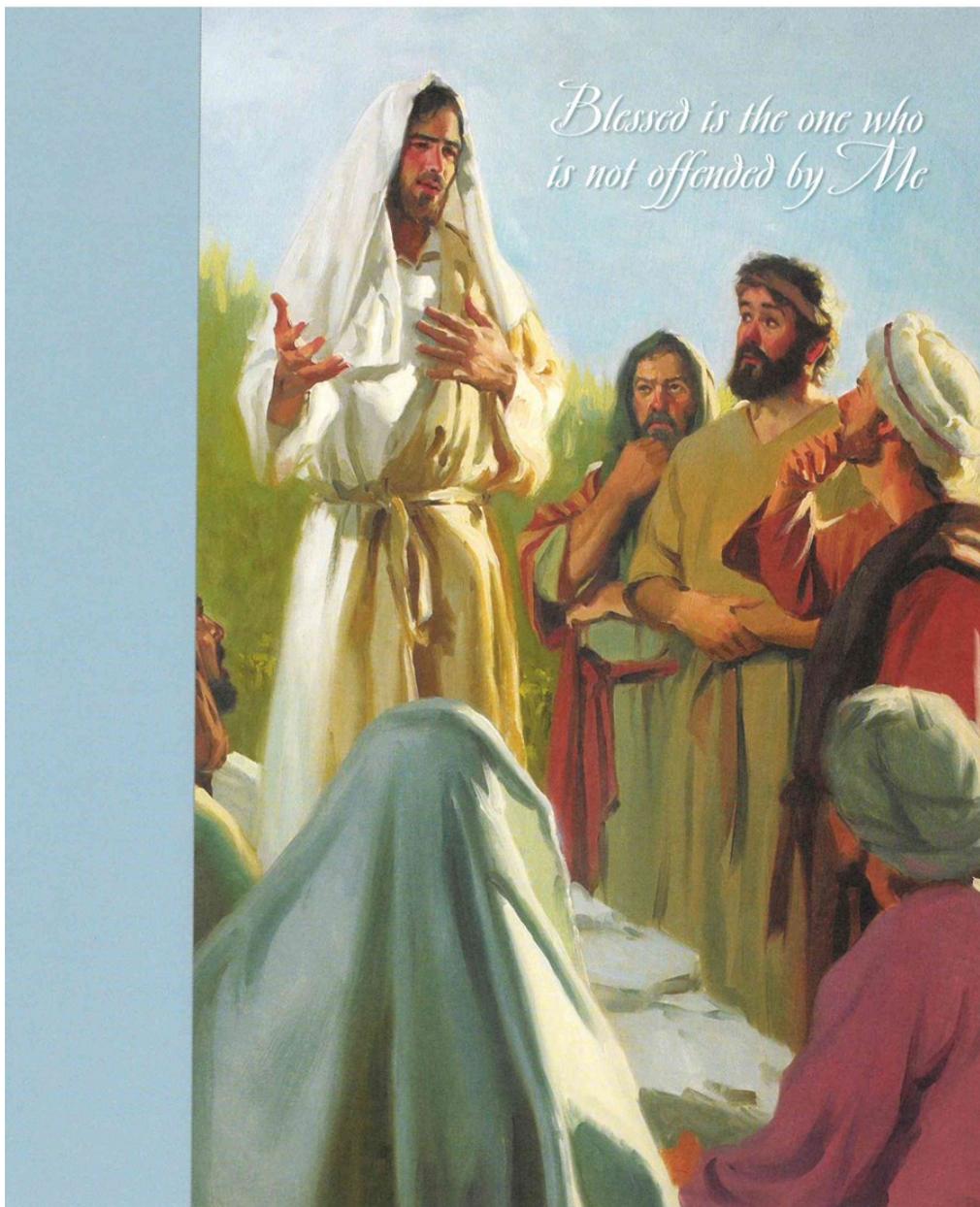


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# IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH AND STUDENT CENTER

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8:00 a.m. in person and FB live  
10:30 a.m. Radio Service



**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
*In consideration of your fellow worshippers, please be sure to turn off your cell phone.*

**Theme for Worship:** As we continue our Advent journey, we meet John the Baptist. John's job was to prepare the way for Jesus, reminding us all of our need for a savior. In a different way, John's ministry still prepares us for Christ, even though Jesus has already accomplished His mission on the cross.

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**Pre-Service Music** ♪ “Light One Candle”

**The Ringing of the Bells**

**Welcome**

♪ **Opening Hymn: “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”**

--LSB #347

1 “Comfort, comfort ye My people,  
Speak ye peace,” thus saith our God;  
“Comfort those who sit in darkness,  
Mourning ’neath their sorrows’ load.  
Speak ye to Jerusalem  
Of the peace that waits for them;  
Tell her that her sins I cover  
And her warfare now is over.”

3 Hark, the herald’s voice is crying  
In the desert far and near,  
Calling sinners to repentance,  
Since the Kingdom now is here.  
O that warning cry obey!  
Now prepare for God a way;  
Let the valleys rise to meet Him  
And the hills bow down to greet Him.

2 Yea, her sins our God will pardon,  
Blotting out each dark misdeed;  
All that well deserved His anger  
He no more will see or heed.  
She hath suffered many\_a day,  
Now her griefs have passed away;  
God will change her pining sadness  
Into ever-springing gladness.

4 Make ye straight what long was  
crooked;  
Make the rougher places plain.  
Let your hearts be true and humble,  
As befits His holy reign.  
For the glory of the Lord  
Now o’er earth is shed abroad,  
And all flesh shall see the token  
That His Word is never broken.

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**P** We begin in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen

**The Baptism of Lettilynn Michelle Reiman**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.

**P** Our Lord invited, encouraged and commanded Baptism, saying to His disciples in the last Chapter of Matthew: “All authority in heaven and on Earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of

the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” From scripture we learn that we are all sinful and unclean and have become separated from God. Through the water and the Word, God uses Baptism to mark us as His children while restoring our relationship with Him. Through such ordinary means of water and His Word, God creates faith, strengthens it, and promises to bless His children.

**P** Hear how our Lord Jesus has opened the Kingdom of God to little children. “People were bringing little children to Jesus to have Him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, He was indignant. He said, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth; anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it!’ (Luke 18:15-17)

Lettilynn, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your forehead and upon your heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

### **The Charge to Sponsors and Parents**

**P** As parents and sponsors, God has blessed you with the honor and also the responsibility of raising Lettilynn to know God and to help her to grow in the faith that will be implanted and begun in baptism. You are to include her in your prayers, encourage and support her in her walk with the Lord. Sponsors, this will especially fall to you if she should lose her parents. You are to raise her to know God’s Word, and bring her for instruction in the application of that Word, through Christ’s body, the Church. As she grows in years you are to see that she is instructed in the Christian faith, prepared to participate in the Lord’s Supper, and regular in attendance of the services held in God’s house where God will continue to build her up as His child. You are to instruct by your own life and actions and model the life Christ has asked us to live, always knowing that forgiveness and reconciliation are also yours when your modeling goes astray.

**P** This then do you intend gladly and willingly to do?

**Sponsors and parents: We do so intend with the help of God.**

**P** Because Lettilynn cannot speak for herself, we speak together the confession of faith she is being baptized into, realizing that as the body of Christ, we are all pledging to Lettilynn’s family we will help, support and encourage them in their walk with Christ.

**P** Do you renounce the Devil and all His works and all of his ways?

**C I do renounce them.**

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**C Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son?

**C Yes, I believe 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.**

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C** **Yes, 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.**

**P** Do you desire to be God's child and receive all the benefits He promises to grant in and through baptism remembering daily the restored relationship God establishes through His forgiveness that will be yours? **C** **I do.**

**P** Who brings this child to be Baptized? **Parents: We do.**

**P** How is she named? **Parents: Lettilynn Michelle Reiman**

### **The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is Performed**

**P** Receive this Baptismal Napkin to show that Christ has taken away and borne Lettilynn's sins and put upon her His perfect righteousness.

**P** Receive also this burning light symbolizing the light of Christ that has come into Lettilynn through Holy Baptism this morning.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Lettilynn new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, Jesus Christ, an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly ask that as she has become Your child You will keep her in her baptismal grace that according to Your good pleasure she may faithfully grow to lead a Godly life to the praise and honor of Your Holy Name and finally with all Your saints obtain the promised inheritance in heaven.

**C** **Amen**

**P** Through Baptism God has added Lettilynn Michelle Reiman to His people to declare the wonderful deeds of our Savior, who has called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**C** **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, to work with us in His kingdom.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Kyrie

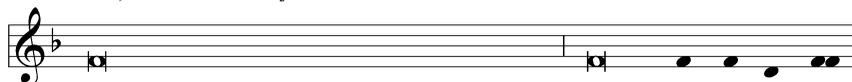
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**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



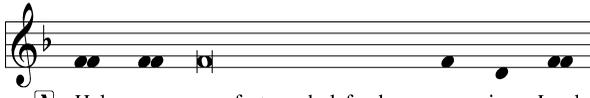
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** 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.

**C** Amen.

### Service of the Word

#### The Old Testament

*Malachi 3:1-7b*

<sup>1</sup>“Behold, I send my messenger and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. <sup>3</sup>He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. <sup>4</sup>Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

<sup>5</sup>“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

<sup>6</sup>“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed.

<sup>7</sup>From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

#### The Epistle Reading

*Philippians 1:2-11*

<sup>2</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup>always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup>because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup>And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup>It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup>For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup>And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, <sup>10</sup>so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup>filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Alleluia and Verse



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 3:1–20*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3<sup>rd</sup> chapter.

### **C** Glory to you O Lord

<sup>1</sup>In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, <sup>2</sup>during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup>As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup>Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, <sup>6</sup>and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

<sup>7</sup>He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” <sup>11</sup>And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” <sup>12</sup>Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” <sup>13</sup>And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

<sup>15</sup>As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, <sup>16</sup>John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>18</sup>So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. <sup>19</sup>But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, <sup>20</sup>added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You O Christ.

♪ Sermon Hymn: "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

--LSB #344

1 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken, for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings!

3 We hail Thee as our Savior, Lord,  
Our refuge and our great reward;  
Without Thy grace we waste away  
Like flow'rs that wither and decay.

2 Then cleansed be ev'ry life from sin;  
Make straight the way for God  
within,  
And let us all our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.

4 Lay on the sick Thy healing hand  
And make the fallen strong to stand;  
Show us the glory of Thy face  
Till beauty springs in ev'ry place.

△ 5 All praise, eternal Son, to Thee  
Whose advent sets Thy people free,  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Spirit evermore.

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--Rev Marty Marks

Sermon: "A Visit with John the Baptist"

Offering/Announcements

Prayers of the Church

*The Leader says prayers for specific and general concerns of God's people, following each petition with "Lord in your mercy" to which the congregation responds with "Hear our prayer."*

Service of the Sacrament

*(The Lord's Supper is celebrated in this service in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us. If you share this confession, we invite you to commune with us. If you have doubts or questions concerning this confession of our faith community, we ask that you withhold participation until receiving clarification or instruction from our pastor. The pastor will also offer a blessing to any unconfirmed children who desire it. Special instruction about how to partake in the supper will be explained during the service in response to Covid-19 precautions.)*

Preface

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts,

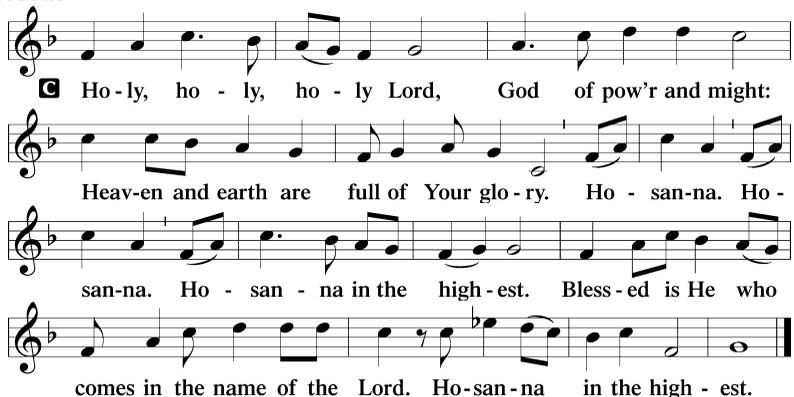
**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### Sanctus



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

**C** 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 Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

**P** In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen

## Agnus Dei

**C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Distribution Hymns: “O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee”

--LSB #632

1 O Jesus, blessèd Lord, to Thee  
My heartfelt thanks forever be,  
Who hast so lovingly bestowed  
On me Thy body and Thy blood.

2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:  
What wealth is come to me this day!  
My Savior dwells within my heart:  
How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

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## “Savior of the Nations, Come”

--LSB #332

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.
- 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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**“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”**

- 1 Sent forth by God’s blessing,  
Our true faith confessing,  
The people of God from His dwelling  
take leave.  
The Supper is ended.  
O now be extended  
The fruits of this service in all who  
believe.  
The seed of His teaching,  
Receptive souls reaching,  
Shall blossom in action for God and  
for all.  
His grace did invite us,  
His love shall unite us  
To work for God’s kingdom and  
answer His call.

**--LSB #643**

- 2 With praise and thanksgiving  
To God ever-living,  
The tasks of our ev’ryday life we will  
face.  
Our faith ever sharing,  
In love ever caring,  
Embracing His children of each tribe  
and race.  
With Your feast You feed us,  
With Your light now lead us;  
Unite us as one in this life that we  
share.  
Then may all the living  
With praise and thanksgiving  
Give honor to Christ and His name  
that we bear.

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**Benediction  
Silent Prayers**