

Blessed Savior Lutheran Church

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ADVENT MIDWEEK 2

December 10, 2025

All About Mary: She Was Betrothed to a Man

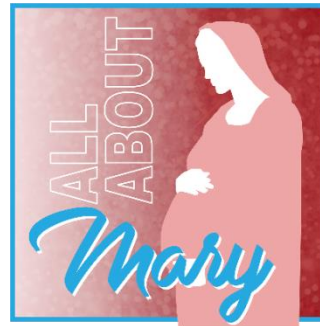
OPENING SENTENCES *Isaiah 7:14; Jeremiah 33:16*

P: The Lord Himself will give you a sign.

C: **Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, name Immanuel.**

P: In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will

C: **And this is the name by which it will be called: righteousness."**



and shall call His

dwelt securely.
"The LORD is our

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

During the hymn, the Advent candle is lit.

HYMN LSB 332 "Savior of the Nations, Come" verses 1-6

**Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, Oh heaven and earth,
That our Lord chose such a birth.**

**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.**

**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.**

**Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From his pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began.**

**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.**

**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.**

SHARING GOD'S PEACE

PSALM *Psalm 61; antiphon: v. 2*

P: From the end of the earth I call to You when my heart is faint.

C: **Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.**

P: Hear my cry, O God,

C: **listen to my prayer.**

P: For You have been my refuge,

C: **a strong tower against the enemy.**

P: Let me dwell in Your tent forever!

C: **Let me take refuge under the shelter of Your wings!**

P: For You, O God, have heard my vows;

C: **You have given me the heritage of those who fear Your name.**

P: Prolong the life of the king;

C: **may his years endure to all generations!**

P: May he be enthroned forever before God;

C: **appoint steadfast love and faithfulness to watch over him!**

P: So will I ever sing praises to Your name,

C: **as I perform my vows day after day.**

**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.**

P: From the end of the earth I call to You when my heart is faint.

C: **Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, from the house of Your servant David You raised up Joseph to be the guardian of Your incarnate Son and the husband of His mother, Mary. Grant us grace to follow the example of this faithful workman in heeding Your counsel and obeying Your commands; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Hosea 2:18–23* (The faithful Lord shows mercy on Israel in an unbreakable vow of righteousness, justice, and steadfast love.)

And I will make for them a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the creeping things of the ground. And I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land, and I will make you lie down in safety. And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD.

“And in that day I will answer, declares the LORD, I will answer the heavens, and they shall answer the earth, and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil, and they shall answer Jezreel, and I will sow her for myself in the land. And I will have mercy on No Mercy, and I will say to Not My People,¹ ‘You are my people’; and he shall say, ‘You are my God.’”

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING *Matthew 1:18–25* (After a visit from the Lord’s messenger, Joseph displays his faithfulness to his betrothed and to his God.)

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, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

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HYMN LSB 350 “Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”

**Come, Thou precious Ransom, come,
Only hope for sinful mortals!
Come, O Savior of the world;
Open are to Thee all portals.
Come, Thy beauty let us see;
Anxiously we wait for Thee.**

**Enter now my waiting heart,
Glorious King and Lord most holy.
Dwell in me and ne’er depart,
Thought I am but poor and lowly.
Ah, what riches will be mine
When Thou are my guest divine!**

My hosannas and my palms
Graciously receive, I pray Thee;
Evermore, as best I can,
Savior, I will homage pay Thee,
And in faith I will embrace
Lord, Thy merit through Thy grace.

Hail! Hosanna! David's Son!
Jesus, hear our supplication!
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown
Bring us blessing and salvation
That forever we may sing:
Hail! Hosanna to our king!

SERMON "All About Mary: She Was Betrothed to a Man" Pastor Tony Troup

OFFERING

MAGNIFICAT LSB 933 "My Soul Rejoices"

My soul rejoices, My spirit voices
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
For God my Savior Has shown me favor
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
With praise and blessing, Join in confessing
God, who is solely Mighty and holy
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
His mercy surely Shall rest securely
On all who fear Him,
Love and revere Him
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

His arm no baring, His strength declaring
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
The proud He scatters, Their rule He shatters
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
Oppression halted; The meek exalted.
Full are the hungry; Empty the wealthy
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
Here is the token All that was spoken
To Abr'ham's offspring God is fulfilling
O sing the greatness of the God the Lord!

PRAYERS

P: Son of David and Son of Joseph, Your arrival fulfills every promise ever made by the Lord, our God. Teach us to know You as the joy of every longing heart, that we might kneel before You, just as Your earthly guardian Joseph knelt beside Your manger, in trust that You hear our prayers and will bring us deliverance.

O holy Child of Nazareth, You learned and grew in the house of a carpenter. Build every father within Your

great family into an honorable man, sacrificing for the sake of their household and leading them in holiness for the sake of Your name. Particularly bless fathers who have a troubled relationship with their children; heal their hurts and bind them in kindness and love. Son of Joseph,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Incarnate Son of God, You dwelt among sawdust and splinters. Bless all those whose work is difficult and dangerous and take under Your protection all who put their hands to any useful task. Sustain the commerce and industry of this nation. Give all who work the just rewards for their labor and the knowledge that their work is a blessing in Your sight. Son of sweat and toil,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Son of heaven's splendor, You came into our world yet had no place to lay Your head. Mercifully care for the homeless, the hungry, the poor, the unemployed, the lonely, the sick, and the troubled of mind and heart. Relieve their want, provide for their livelihood, and make their needs known that Your servants might bring to them the blessings of Your hand. Son of suffering,

C: hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

**All: 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.**

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

C: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

CLOSING SENTENCES *Luke 1:49, alt.*

P: He who is mighty has done great things for me.

C: Holy is His name.

P: To God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—be all honor and glory in His holy church, forever and ever.

C: **Amen. Christ died! Christ is risen! Christ shall come again!**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN LSB 374 “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” (Please stand)

**Gentle Mary laid her child
Lowly in a manger:
There He lay, the Undefined,
To the world a stranger.
Such a babe in such a place,
Can He be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race
Who have found his favor.**

**Angels sang about his birth,
Wise Men sought and found him;
Heaven’s star shone brightly forth
Glory all around him.
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight,
Heard the angels singing;
All the plains were lit that night,
All the hills were ringing.**

**Gentle Mary laid her child
Lowly in a manger;
He is still the Undefined
But no more a stranger.
Son of God of humble birth,
Beautiful the story;
Praise his name in all the earth;
Hail the King of glory!**

THE SENDING

P: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**