

BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE
WAIT UPON THE LORD: A SERIES FOR ADVENT

December 1st, 2021

12:00p.m. & 7:00p.m.



Week 1: Wait Upon The Lord With Faith

AS WE GATHER

The season of Advent is characterized by waiting—waiting upon the Lord for his presence to be revealed to us on Christmas. In this worship series for Advent, we look back in Scripture at those who waited upon the Lord for his promises to come to pass through the Christ Child. We also look forward, contemplating how we should wait upon the Lord in this present moment of our lives, as God continues to make himself known to us. Today we wait upon the Lord with Faith as we look at the faith of Abraham and Sarah who waited for the birth of their son, Isaac. We too wait in faith, even as we remember the birth of God's Son, Jesus, coming at Christmas to save all people as we wait for him to one day come again.

PRELUDE "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"-David Cherwien

PASTORAL WELCOME

THEME VERSE:

P As we begin our time in worship, we pause from our busy world, from our busy lives, to focus on Emmanuel, God with us.

C **And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "All the Gentiles shall be blessed in you." Galatians 3:8**

OPENING HYMN "The Advent of our King?" LSB #331, St. 1-6

- 1 The advent of our King Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing In strains of holy joy.**
- 2 The everlasting Son Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant's form puts on To set His servants free.**
- 3 O Zion's daughter, rise To meet your lowly King, Nor let your
faithless heart despise The peace He comes to bring.**
- 4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come again
And His true members all unite With Him in heav'n to reign.**
- 5 Before the dawning day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away, The new self now put on.**
- 6 All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.**

Stand

INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

P Wait upon the Lord.

C Be strong and courageous.

P Wait upon the Lord. That's what Abraham did, even though he was about a hundred years old.

C And Sarah's womb was barren.

P Still, Abraham waited in faith.

C Fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

P Wait upon the Lord.

C Be strong and courageous. Wait upon the Lord!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P God of all mercy and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

C We admit that we have become impatient with ourselves, each other, and sometimes with you. We have turned to our own way and have gone astray from your will. Lost in sin and needing to become strong and courageous, we ask you, O Lord, to forgive our sin, cleanse our hearts, and keep us patiently waiting for the promised coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*You are invited to meditate on the fact that though our sin is great,
Christ's love is greater.*

P Believe and receive the good news! God sent his Son, the Babe of Bethlehem, to show his infinite love and forgiveness for all people. Your sins are forgiven in the holy name of + Christ who came and indeed, will come again.

C Amen.

P Wait upon the Lord.

C Be strong and courageous. Wait upon the Lord!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P As we wait upon the Lord, we wait like Abraham, we wait like Sarah, we wait with faith trusting that the promises of God are true. We wait like the Prophet Isaiah and the nation of Israel, we wait with Hope, believing that God will not leave us feeling abandoned in this world of sin and despair. We wait like Mary and Elizabeth, rejoicing because we know God's promises for us will soon come to pass. As we wait this advent season, we light our Advent Wreath and we sing...

ADVENT WREATH CANDLE-LIGHTING HYMN

Tune: Polish Carol, "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

1. [HOPE] **Candles glowing, promise showing the great hope that calms our fear. Darkness scatters, worry shatters, Christ will always draw us near. Calms our sighing, hears our crying, helps our trying, love undying: Christ will always draw us near! Christ will always draw us near!**

KYRIE

P Lord, have mercy.

C Give us patience.

P Christ, have mercy.

C Give us patience and peace.

P Lord, have mercy.

C Give us patience and peace for the living of these days.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O Lord, rend the heavens and come down. Be our strength every

morning and our salvation in the night of despair. Show forth your power and might, just as you did in the days of Abraham and Sarah; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit—God forever.

C Amen.

Be Seated

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 17:1–9

17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, ² that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” ³ Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, ⁴ “Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ⁸ And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.”

⁹ And God said to Abraham, “As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 4:13–21

¹³ For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would

be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴ For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵ For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶ That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷ as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸ In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**C Those who wait upon the Lord will renew their strength.
Hallelujah!**

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 1:16–25

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶ And Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. ¹⁷ So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations. 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 Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of

one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, Whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life † of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

SERMON HYMN

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” LSB #341, St. 1-4

- 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates! Behold, the King of glory waits. The King of kings is drawing near; The Savior of the world is here. Life and salvation He doth bring; Therefore rejoice and gladly sing. To God the Father raise Your joyful songs of praise.**
- 2 A righteous Helper comes to thee; His chariot is humility, His kingly crown is holiness, His scepter, pity in distress. The end of all our woe He brings; Therefore, the earth is glad and sings. To Christ the Savior raise Your grateful hymns of praise.**

**3 How blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the ruler is
confessed! O peaceful hearts and happy homes To whom this
King in triumph comes! The cloudless sun of joy is He
Who comes to set His people free. To God the Spirit raise
Your happy shouts of praise.**

**4 Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple set apart
From earthly use for heav'n's employ, Adorned with prayer
and love and joy. So shall your Sov'reign enter in
And new and nobler life begin. To God alone be praise
For word and deed and grace!**

SERMON

“Waiting For The Son”

Genesis 17:1-9

Stand

OFFERING VOLUNTARY

“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Heavenly Father, we wait for you.

C More than watchmen wait for the morning—

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C Lead us in your truth and teach us.

P For you are the God of our salvation.

C For you we wait all the day long.

P O God, inspire us to wait for you faithfully.

C Serve you joyfully.

P And give to others generously.

**C Gracious Lord, grant healing for the sick especially as we
remember (____). We also ask that you give,**

P Courage for the fainthearted.

C Hope for the discouraged.

P And great clarity for all in the valley of decision.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Speak)*

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.

BENEDICTION

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P May God give us the faith of Abraham, the hope of Isaiah, the joy of Elizabeth, and the gratitude of Zechariah. May God make us strong and courageous as He blesses us and keeps us. May God make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us. May God look upon us with favor and † give us peace.

C As we wait upon the Lord! Amen.

Be seated

CLOSING HYMN

“Savior of the Nations Come” **LSB #332, St. 1,2 & 8**

- 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.**
- 8 Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king, Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.**

POSTLUDE

“Jesus, the Light of the World”

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ADVENT SERVICES SCHEDULE - 2021

Second Sunday in Advent w/Holy Communion Dec. 5 10:00 a.m.

Midweek Advent 2 Worship Dec. 8 12 pm & 7 p.m.

Third Sunday in Advent (Casual Service) Dec. 12 10 a.m.

Midweek Advent 3 Worship Dec. 15 12 pm & 7 p.m.

Fourth Sunday in Advent w/Holy Communion Dec. 19 10:00 a.m.

Christmas Eve Worship Services Dec. 24 8 p.m. & 11 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship w/Holy Communion Dec. 25 10:00 a.m.