**BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH, TEMPE**

**WAIT UPON THE LORD: A SERIES FOR ADVENT**

**December 15th, 2021 12:00p.m. & 7:00p.m.**



***Week 3: Wait Upon The Lord With Rejoicing***

**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 Hope as we look at the Joy of Elizabeth as she waited for the coming of her son, John the Baptist. Mary also rejoiced as she waited for the birth of her son, Jesus. In the same manner we rejoice as we wait for the coming of the Son of God.

**PRELUDE**

**PASTORAL WELCOME**

**THEME VERSE:**

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| 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. we speak our theme verse together. |
| **C** | **This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.**Isaiah 25:9 |

**OPENING HYMN** “Angels, From The Realms Of Glory” **LSB #367**

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| **1** | **Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o’er all the earth; Ye who sang creation’s story, Now proclaim Messiah’s birth. Refrain** |

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|  | **Come and worship, come and worship; Worship Christ, the newborn King.** |

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| **2** | **Shepherds in the field abiding, Watching o’er your flocks by night, God with us is now residing, Yonder shines the Infant Light. Refrain** |

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| **3** | **Sages, leave your contemplations, Brighter visions beam afar; Seek the great Desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star. Refrain** |

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| **4** | **Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear, Suddenly the Lord, descending, In His temple shall appear. Refrain** |

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| **5** | **All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son, Evermore your voices raising To the\_eternal Three in One. Refrain** |

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**INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

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| 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 Elizabeth did. |
| **C** | **She waited for a child.** |
| P | John the Baptist. |
| **C** | **Then she said to Mary:** |
| P | When the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. |
| **C** | **Wait upon the Lord!** |
| **P** | Be Strong and Courageous. |
| **C** | **Wait upon the Lord!** |

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

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

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| 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**

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| 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 HYMN**  *(Sing)*

**Light a candle bright and tall For the Joy this season brings.**

**Joy like fountains brimming full. Through our world now let it ring! Shine within our hearts today Come, O Joy, to us, we pray.**

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| 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**

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| 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 Mary and Elizabeth; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit—God forever.

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| **C** | **Amen.** |

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**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *1 Samuel 2:1-3*

**1**And Hannah prayed and said,

“My heart exults in the Lord;  
    my horn is exalted in the Lord.  
My mouth derides my enemies,  
    because I rejoice in your salvation.

**2**“There is none holy like the Lord:  
    for there is none besides you;  
    there is no rock like our God.  
**3**Talk no more so very proudly,  
    let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the Lord is a God of knowledge,  
    and by him actions are weighed.

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| A | This is the Word of the Lord. |
| **C** | **Thanks be to God.** |

**EPISTLE READING** *Romans 12:11–18*

**11**Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit,[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=romans+12%3A11-18&version=ESV#fen-ESV-28241a)] serve the Lord. **12**Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. **13**Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

**14**Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. **15**Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. **16**Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=romans+12%3A11-18&version=ESV#fen-ESV-28246b)] Never be wise in your own sight. **17**Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. **18**If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

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| A | This is the Word of the Lord. |
| **C** | **Thanks be to God.** |

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**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 1:39–45*

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| P | The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter. |
| **C** | **Glory to You, O Lord.** |

**39**In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, **40**and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. **41**And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, **42**and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! **43**And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? **44**For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. **45**And blessed is she who believed that there would be[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=luke+1%3A39-45&version=ESV#fen-ESV-24930a)] a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

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| P | This is the Gospel of the Lord. |
| **C** | **Praise to You, O Christ.** |

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| **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.** |

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**SERMON HYMN** “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” **LSB #357**

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| **1** | **O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. Refrain** |

***Refrain***

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|  | **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!** |

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| **2** | **O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, Who ord’rest all things mightily; To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go. Refrain** |

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| **3** | **O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy tribes on Sinai’s height In ancient times didst give the Law In cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain** |

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| **4** | **O come, Thou Branch of Jesse’s tree, Free them from Satan’s tyranny That trust Thy mighty pow’r to save, And give them vict’ry o’er the grave. Refrain** |

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| **5** | **O come, Thou Key of David, come, And open wide our heav’nly home; Make safe the way that leads on high, And close the path to misery. Refrain** |

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| **6** | **O come, Thou Dayspring from on high, And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh; Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, And death’s dark shadows put to flight. Refrain** |

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| **7** | **O come, Desire of nations, bind In one the hearts of all mankind; Bid Thou our sad divisions cease, And be Thyself our King of Peace. Refrain** |

**SERMON** “Something out of Nothing” *Luke 1:39-45*

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**OFFERING VOLUNTARY**

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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| P | Heavenly Father, we wait for you. |
| **C** | **More than watchmen wait for the morning—** |
| P | More than watchmen wait for the morning. |
| **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 and give to others generously.** |
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| P | Gracious Lord, grant healing for the sick especially as we remember (\_\_\_\_). We also ask that you give, |
| **C** | **Courage for the fainthearted.** |
| P | Hope for the discouraged. |
| **C** | **And great clarity for all in the valley of decision. Amen.** |

**LORD’S PRAYER** *(Speak)*

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| **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**

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| 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** “Once He Came in Blessing” **LSB #333**

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| **1** | **Once He came in blessing, All our sins redressing; Came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy; Bore the cross to save us; Hope and freedom gave us.** |

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| **2** | **Now He gently leads us; With Himself He feeds us Precious food from heaven, Pledge of peace here given, Manna that will nourish Souls that they may flourish.** |

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| **3** | **Soon will come that hour When with mighty power Christ will come in splendor And will judgment render, With the faithful sharing Joy beyond comparing.** |

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| **4** | **Come, then, O Lord Jesus, From our sins release us. Keep our hearts believing, That we, grace receiving, Ever may confess You Till in heav’n we bless You.** |

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**

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**ADVENT SERVICES SCHEDULE - 2021**

**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 7 p.m. & 11 p.m.**

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