



WAIT UPON  
THE LORD

*with*

*Faith*



**Advent I**  
**Wednesday, December 1, 2021**  
**6:30 p.m.**

## As We Gather

In this first Wait Upon the Lord service for Advent, we wait upon the Lord with faith. Abraham and Sarah waited with faith for the birth of their son, Isaac, and we wait with faith for the birth of God's Son, Jesus, trusting that he will come at Christmas to save all people.

# ADVENT

*A Season of Preparation*

## Preservice Music

## Ringling of the Bells

## Welcome and Greeting

*Please stand*

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!**

## The Advent of Our King

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1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,  
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,  
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,  
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.  
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.  
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.  
And His true mem - bers all u - nite 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.

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## Confession and Absolution

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.**

*(Silence for meditation on the fact that <sup>[1]</sup>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!**

## 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.**

## Psalmody

**Psalm 40:1–10; antiphon: Is. 25:9**

P: It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us.

**C: This is the LORD; we have waited for Him,  
let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."**

P: I waited patiently for the LORD;  
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**C: He drew me up from the pit of destruction,  
out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock,  
making my steps secure.**

P: He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear,  
and put their trust in the LORD.

**C: Blessèd is the man who makes  
the LORD his trust,  
who does not turn to the proud,  
to those who go astray after a lie!**

P: You have multiplied, O LORD my God,  
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;  
none can compare with you!  
I will proclaim and tell of them,  
yet they are more than can be told.

**C: Sacrifice and offering you have not desired,  
but you have given me an open ear.  
Burnt offering and sin offering  
you have not required.**

P: Then I said, "Behold, I have come;  
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

**C: I desire to do your will, O my God;  
your law is within my heart."**

P: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;  
behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

**C: I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;  
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness  
from the great congregation.**

P: It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for  
Him, that He might save us.

**C: This is the LORD; we have waited for Him,  
let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."**

*Please be seated*

## Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

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1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly  
2 What the Fa - thers most de - sired, What the proph - ets'  
3 A - bram's prom - ised great re - ward, Zi - on's help - er,  
4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of  
kept His word And at last to us did send  
heart in - spired, What they longed for man - y a year,  
Ja - cob's Lord— Him of two - fold race be - hold—  
gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me  
Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.  
Stands ful - filled in glo - ry here.  
Tru - ly came, as long fore - told.  
Which is Yours e - ter - nal - ly.

**5 Bruise for me the serpent's head  
That, set free from doubt and dread,  
I may cling to You in faith,  
Safely kept through life and death.**

**6 Then when You will come again  
As the glorious king to reign,  
I with joy will see Your face,  
Freely ransomed by Your grace.**

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## **Old Testament**

## ***Genesis 17:1-9***

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, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. 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. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. 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. 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."

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

## **Epistle**

## ***Romans 4:13-21***

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. For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

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, 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. 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." 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. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

## Gospel

## **Matthew 1:1, 17-25**

The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

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.

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:

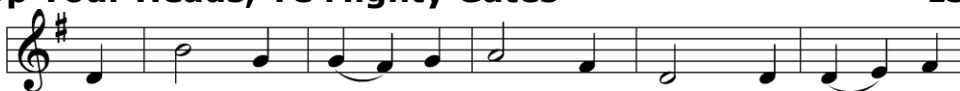
"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel"

(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.



# Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

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1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the  
 2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot  
 3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the  
 4 Flung wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a  
 5 Re - deem - er, come and o - pen wide My heart to



King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing  
 is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -  
 rul - er is con-fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py  
 tem - ple set a - part From earth - ly use for heav'n's em -  
 Thee; here, Lord, a - bide! O en - ter with Thy grace di -



near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -  
 ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of  
 homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less  
 ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy. So shall your  
 vine; Thy face of mer - cy on me shine. Thy Ho - ly



va - tion He doth bring; There-fore re - joice and glad - ly sing.  
 all our woe He brings; There-fore the earth is glad and sings.  
 sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.  
 Sov-'reign en - ter in And new and no - bler life be - gin.  
 Spir - it guide us on Un - til our glo - rious goal is won.



To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.  
 To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.  
 To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.  
 To God a - lone be praise For word and deed and grace!  
 E - ter - nal praise and fame We of - fer to Thy name.

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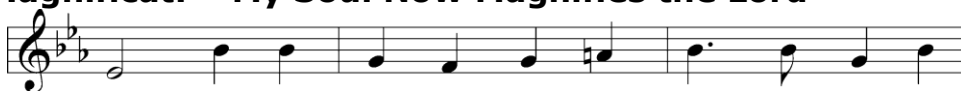


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## The Magnificat: My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord



1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; My spir - it  
 2 For He a - lone who shows such might Has done a -  
 3 His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scat - ters  
 4 He feeds the hun - gry as His own; The wealth - y



leaps for joy in Him. He keeps me in His kind re -  
 maz - ing things to me. His mer - cy flows; His name like  
 those of proud in - tent And casts them down from high es -  
 leave with emp - ty hands. He gives His help to Is - ra -



gard, And I am blest for time to come.  
 light Re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.  
 tate, Then gives the low His nour - ish - ment.  
 el; His gra - cious prom - ise al - ways stands.

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## Prayers

**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.**

**P:** And give to others generously.

**C:** **Gracious Lord, grant healing for the sick.**

**P:** Courage for the fainthearted.

**C:** **Hope for the discouraged.**

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

**C:** **Amen.**

## Prayer

P: Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

**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: May God give us the faith of Abraham, the hope of Isaiah, the joy of Elizabeth, and the gratitude of Zechariah. God will make us strong and courageous.

**C: As we wait upon the Lord!**

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.**

## Now the Light Has Gone Away

*LSB 887*



1 Now the light has gone a - way; Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,  
2 Je - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way All that has been wrong to - day;  
3 Let my near and dear ones be Al - ways near and dear to Thee;  
4 Now my eve-ning praise I give; Thou didst die that I might live.  
5 Thou, my best and kind-est Friend, Thou wilt love me to the end.



Ask - ing Thee to watch and keep And to send me qui - et sleep.  
Help me ev - 'ry day to be Good and gen - tle, more like Thee.  
O bring me and all I love To Thy hap - py home a - bove.  
All my bless-ings come from Thee; Oh, how good Thou art to me!  
Let me love Thee more and more, Al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

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# Wait Upon the Lord

## Advent and Christmas Worship Opportunities

**Advent Worship II** **Wednesday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**"Wait Upon the Lord with Hope"**

**Advent Worship III** **Wednesday, December 15 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**"Wait Upon the Lord with Rejoicing"**

**Zion Music Ministry Concert** **Sunday, December 19, 2021**  
**"An Invitation to a Miracle"** **3:00 p.m.**

**Christmas Eve Worship** **Friday, December 24**

### **5 p.m. Family Candlelight Communion**

*Celebrating God's love with Christmas carols using piano/vocals/instruments*

### **7 p.m. Candlelight Communion**

*Celebrating God's love with Christmas carols using praise band/vocals*

### **9 p.m. Candlelight Communion**

*Celebrating God's love with Christmas carols using organ/instruments*

**Christmas Day Worship** **Saturday, December 25**  
**10 a.m. Worship with Communion**

**The Day after Christmas** **Sunday, December 26**  
**10 a.m. Worship with Communion**