

**First Wednesday in Advent  
Responsive Prayer 2  
December 2, 2020    7:00 p.m.**



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Please hand this card to an usher or place it in the offering plate.

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## **Women of the Old Testament and the Coming Savior**

This Advent Season we will be looking at 4 Old Testament women and what they can teach us regarding the coming of the Savior, Jesus Christ. These women have amazing stories that can be helpful as we wait for the coming of Jesus, both to the manger and His second coming. They have lessons of faithfulness, courage, devotion, and love that can guide us through this season of waiting and anticipation. And beyond this season those lessons are instructive for all of life as we wait for Jesus return with the purpose of Hearing, Sharing and Living the Gospel.

Sarah – **Gen 21:6-7 / Heb 11:11**

Rahab – **Jos 6:25 / Heb 11:31**

Ruth – **Ruth 1:16-17 / Matt 1:5**

? – ? **2:36-38**

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**Opening Versicles** *LSB 285*

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

**P** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.  
**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord,  
**G**lory 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.

**Psalm** *Psalm 80:1-7, LSB 285*

**P** Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!  
**C** You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.  
**P** Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,  
**C** stir up your might and come to save us!

- P** Restore us, O God;
- C** let your face shine, that we may be saved!
- P** O LORD God of hosts,
- C** how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
- P** You have fed them with the bread of tears
- C** and given them tears to drink in full measure.
- P** You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,
- C** and our enemies laugh among themselves.
- P** Restore us, O God of hosts;
- C** let your face shine, that we may be saved!

## Readings

LSB 285

### Reading

*Genesis 21:6-7 (NKJV)*

6 And Sarah said, “God has made me laugh; and all who hear will laugh with me.” 7 And she said, “Who would have said to Abraham that

Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

*Hebrews 11:11 (NKJV)*

11 By faith Sarah herself also received strength to conceive seed, and she bore a child when she was past the age, because she judged Him faithful who had promised.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Hymn of the Day*

*LSB 350 sts. 1-4*

*“Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”*



1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for  
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and  
3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -  
4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!  
Lord most ho - - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,  
ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er - more, as best I can,  
sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,

O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty  
 Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es  
 Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I  
 Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er  
  
 let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.  
 will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!  
 will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.  
 we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

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## Sermon “Sarah” Pastor Tom Rhodes

### Offering

*In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God’s abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)*

*Stand*

# Kyrie

*LSB 285*

**P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.  
**P** O Christ,  
**C** have mercy.  
**P** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.

**Lord's Prayer**                    *Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 285*

**P 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.**

**Apostles' Creed**

*LSB 286*

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

**And 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.**

**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.**

## **Advent Versicles**

*LSB 286*

- P** This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- P** Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God  
shines forth.
- C** Our God shall come; He does not keep  
silence.
- P** Prepare the way of the Lord.  
**C** Make His paths straight.
- P** Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the  
skies rain down righteousness.
- C** Let the earth open, that salvation may  
sprout forth.

**P** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**P C** 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** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
**C** listen to my plea for grace.

## Collect

*LSB 287*

**P** Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Evening Prayer

*LSB 287*

**P 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.

## Leaving Prayer

*LSB 287*

**P** Lord God our Father, You kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage. You led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star You led the Wise Men to the infant Jesus. Make our travel safe and our homecomings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly home, where You dwell in glory with Your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

# Benedicamus and Blessing

LSB 287

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

*Closing Hymn*

LSB 331 sts. 1-6

*“The Advent of Our King”*



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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