

**Second Wednesday in Advent
Responsive Prayer 2
December 9, 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 are 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,

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.

Psalm

LSB 285

Ps. 85:1-8, 11-13, antiphon: 85:9

P Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that glory may dwell in our land.

P LORD, you were favorable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

C You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.

P You withdrew all your wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

C Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away your indignation toward us!

P Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

C Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

P Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

C Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

P Faithfulness springs up from the ground, and righteousness looks down from the sky.

C Yes, the **LORD** will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

P Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

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 Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

Readings

LSB 285

Reading

Joshua 6:22-25

22 Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, “Go into the prostitute’s house and bring her out and all who belong to her, in accordance with your oath to her.” 23 So the young men who had done the spying went in and brought out Rahab, her father and mother, her brothers and

sisters and all who belonged to her. They brought out her entire family and put them in a place outside the camp of Israel. 24 Then they burned the whole city and everything in it, but they put the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron into the treasury of the LORD's house.

25 But Joshua spared Rahab the prostitute, with her family and all who belonged to her, because she hid the men Joshua had sent as spies to Jericho - and she lives among the Israelites to this day.

Hebrews 11:30-31

30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.

31 By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn of the Day

LSB 725 sts. 1-4

“Children of the Heavenly Father”



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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Sermon “Rahab” 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

**☐ ☑ 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 our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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 349 sts. 1-4

“Hark the Glad Sound”



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
2 He comes the pris - 'ners to re - lease, In Sa - tan's
3 He comes the bro - ken heart to bind, The bleed - ing
4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come



prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
bond - age held. The gates of brass be - fore Him
soul to cure, And with the trea - sures of His
shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es



throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
burst, The i - ron fet - ters yield.
grace To en - rich the hum - ble poor.
ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

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