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Responsive Prayer 2
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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. 126:1-6, antiphon: Ps. 126:5

P Those who sow in tears

C shall reap with shouts of joy!

P When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,

C we were like those who dream.

P Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
C and our tongue with shouts of joy;
P then they said among the nations, "The LORD
has done great things for them."
C The LORD has done great things for us; we
are glad.

P Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
C like streams in the Negeb.

P He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed
for sowing,
C shall come home with shouts of joy,
bringing his sheaves with him.

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 Those who sow in tears
C shall reap with shouts of joy!

Readings

LSB 285

Reading

Ruth 1:16-17

16 But Ruth replied, “Don’t urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. 17 Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me.”

Matthew 1:5

5 Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse,

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

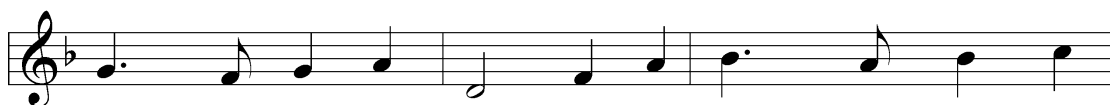
Hymn of the Day

LSB 511 sts. 1-4

“Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment”



1	Her - ald,	sound	the	note	of	judg - ment,	Warn - ing
2	Her - ald,	sound	the	note	of	glad - ness;	Tell the
3	Her - ald,	sound	the	note	of	par - don—	Those re -
4	Her - ald,	sound	the	note	of	tri - umph;	Christ has



us of right and wrong, Turn - ing us from sin and
news that Christ is here; Make a path - way through the
pent - ing are for - giv'n; God re - ceives His way - ward
come to share our life, Bring - ing God's own love and



sad - ness Till once more we sing the song.
des - ert For the one who brings God near.
chil - dren, And to them new life is giv'n.
pow - er, Grant - ing vic - t'ry in our strife.

Refrain



Sound the trum-pet! Tell the mes-sage: Christ, the Sav-ior king, is come!

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Sermon “Ruth” 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. Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts, by Your gracious visitation; 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 352 sts. 1, 4-6

“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”



1 Let the earth now praise the Lord, Who has tru - ly
4 As Your com - ing was in peace, Qui - et, full of



kept His word And at last to us did send
gen - tle - ness, Let the same mind dwell in me



Christ, the sin - ner's help and friend.
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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