



## **All About Mary: Introducing Mary December 3, 2025**

### **As We Gather**

Today we shall remember Mary as God reveals who she is through His Word, not how the world and many churches describe her. And in considering Mary, we look to the One who is the reason the Bible teaches us about Mary—Jesus Christ, her Son and our Lord.

## Opening Sentences

**P** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,  
**C** **the light no darkness can overcome.**

**P** Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,  
**C** **and the day is almost over.**

**P** Let Your light scatter the darkness  
**C** **and illumine Your Church.**

## Opening Hymn "The Advent of Our King" LSB 331

The advent of our King  
Our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing  
In strains of holy joy.

The everlasting Son  
Incarnate deigns to be,  
Himself a servant's form puts on  
To set His servants free.

O Zion's daughter, rise  
To meet your lowly King,  
Nor let your faithless heart despise  
The peace He comes to bring.

As judge, on clouds of light,  
He soon will come again  
And His true members all unite  
With Him in heav'n to reign.

Before the dawning day  
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away,  
The new self now put on.

All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.

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### **Prayer of the Day**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You chose the virgin Mary to be the mother of Your only Son. Grant that we, who are redeemed by His blood, may share with her in the glory of Your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

### **The Reading (Pastor reads)**

*Luke 1:26–38*

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

<sup>35</sup>And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God." <sup>38</sup>And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

### Hymn "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came" LSB 356

The angel Gabriel from heaven came,  
With wings as drifted snow, with eyes as flame:  
"All hail to thee, O lowly maiden Mary,  
Most highly favored lady."

Gloria!

"For know a blessed mother thou shalt be,  
All generations laud and honor thee;  
Thy son shall be Emmanuel, by seers foretold,  
Most highly favored lady."

Gloria!

Then gentle Mary meekly bowed her head;  
"To me be as it pleaseth God," she said.  
"My soul shall laud and magnify God's holy name."  
Most highly favored lady,

Gloria!

Of her, Emmanuel, the Christ, was born  
In Bethlehem all on a Christmas morn,  
And Christian folk throughout the world will ever say:  
"Most highly favored lady."

Gloria!

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## **The Message "Mary's Advent Treasures - The Angel's Unexpected Message" Luke 1:26-38**

### **The Offering Worshiping God with our Tithes and Offerings - Choir "Advent Hymn"**

**C** Thank you Lord for blessing us that we may be a blessing to others. Amen.

### **The Prayers**

**P** Let us pray to the Lord

**C** Lord, have mercy

### **Lord's Prayer**

**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.

## **Benedicamus**

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Benediction**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" LSB 374**

Gentle Mary laid her child

Lowly in a manger;

There He lay, the Undefined,

To the world a stranger.

Such a babe in such a place,

Can He be the Savior?

Ask the saved of all the race

Who have found His favor.

Angels sang about His birth,

Wise Men sought and found Him;

Heaven's star shone brightly forth

Glory all around Him.

Shepherds saw the wondrous sight,

Heard the angels singing;

All the plains were lit that night,

All the hills were ringing.

Gentle Mary laid her child  
    Lowly in a manger;  
He is still the Undefined  
    But no more a stranger.  
Son of God of humble birth,  
    Beautiful the story;  
Praise His name in all the earth;  
    Hail the King of glory!  
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