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SERMON NOTES

“Two Families”
(Luke 1:5–25)

“In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah” (Luke 1:5).

_____ Family

_____ Family

“They had no children, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both well along in years” (Luke 1:7).

1. God’s _____ never _____.

Sarah (Genesis 11:30), Rebekah (Genesis 25:31), and Rachel (Genesis 29:31) were at one time all barren. And so was Hannah, the mother of Samuel (1 Samuel 2:5).

2. God’s _____ never _____.

“He [Zechariah] was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense” (Luke 1:9).

“The curtain of the temple was torn in two” (Luke 23:45).

3. God’s _____ never _____.

“And he [John the Baptist] will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children” (Luke 1:17).

For next week...

Read Luke 1:57–66 and answer these questions:

1. Who are you named after? What does your name mean?
2. Why do you think Elizabeth and Zechariah named their son “John,” which means “Yahweh (the LORD) is gracious?”
3. Through the birth of John the Baptist, what does God want to teach your family?



8:00AM

DIVINE SERVICE

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First Sunday in Advent
28 November 2021

*Please register your presence with us
by filling out one of the Member/Guest cards found in the pew rack in front of you
and giving it to an usher or placing into the offering plate.*

AS WE GATHER

Advent is a season for us to grow in hope. We gather amid a world that in many ways seems hopeless. Extremists on both ends of the political spectrum seem to control almost everything we hear, read, and see. Deep divisions over race, politics, and economics loom over us like a dark storm cloud. How can the Church possibly make a difference in all of this? If we were left to ourselves, there would be little room for hope. But God does not leave us alone. By His Word and Sacraments, God establishes our hearts and prepares us for Jesus’ coming final restoration. Until that day, we wait, we pray, we hope. And we all need God’s wisdom in our families, so we begin this new church year with a focus on “Family Life.” There is much to learn today from Zechariah, Elizabeth, and John.

PRELUDE — *VENI EMMANUEL*

arr. Terry Kirkland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN *(Stand)* “Once He Came in Blessing”

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✠ SERVICE of PREPARATION ✠

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

One Advent candle is lit.

P Let us pray....O Lord, let the lighting of this candle signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION OF SINS

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

✠ SERVICE of the WORD ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 89:6, 14–16, 18; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

P Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

C Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?

P Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before You.

C Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face,

P who exult in Your name all the day and in Your righteousness are exalted.

C For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

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COLLECT

SALUTATION

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P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

BENEDICAMUS

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P Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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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 A-men, a-men, a - men.

CLOSING HYMN "Abide, O Dearest Jesus"

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POSTLUDE — HELMSLEY

arr. Noel Rawsthorne

temple. And he kept making signs to them and remained mute. ²³And when his time of service was ended, he went to his home.

²⁴After these days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she kept herself hidden, saying, ²⁵“Thus the Lord has done for me in the days when he looked on me, to take away my reproach among people.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



APOSTLES' CREED

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HYMN OF THE DAY “*The Advent of Our King*”

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SERMON “Two Families” - Luke 1:5-25

OFFERING — *AUS MEINES HERZENS GRUNDE*

J. C Bach

OFFERTORY (*Stand*)

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C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

**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 Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

KYRIE ~ *Lord, Have Mercy*

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C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

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P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray...O Lord, let Your merciful ears be open to the prayers of Your humble servants and grant that what they ask may be in accord with Your gracious will; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. (*Sit*)

C A - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Malachi 4:4-6

(*Malachi foretells the Day of the Lord and Elijah's coming.*)

⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

¹Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴When his breath departs he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.

⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶Who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
Who keeps faith forever;

⁷Who executes justice for the oppressed,
Who gives food to the hungry.
The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.

⁹The LORD watches over the sojourners;
He upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

¹⁰The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Praise the LORD!

**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.**

²I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

EPISTLE

Ephesians 6:1-4

¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), ³“that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.” ⁴Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

THE CHOIR “*Savior of the Nations Come*”

arr. Carl Schalk

ALLELUIA and VERSE (Stand)

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L Alleluia! Alleluia!

Psalm 24:7

C Alleluia! Alleluia!

L Lift up your heads, O gates!

C And be lifted up, O ancient doors,

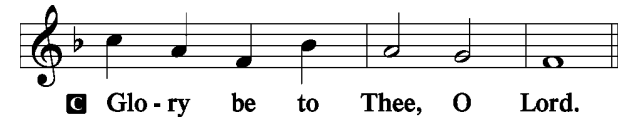
L that the King of glory may come in.

C Alleluia! Alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL (Stand)

Luke 1:5-25

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 1st chapter.



⁵In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, of the division of Abijah. And he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. ⁶And they were both righteous before God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and statutes of the Lord. ⁷But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in years.

⁸Now while he was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, ⁹according to the custom of the priesthood, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. ¹¹And there appeared to him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²And Zechariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. ¹³But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. ¹⁶And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, ¹⁷and he will go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared.”

¹⁸And Zechariah said to the angel, “How shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife is advanced in years.” ¹⁹And the angel answered him, “I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I was sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. ²⁰And behold, you will be silent and unable to speak until the day that these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time.” ²¹And the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they were wondering at his delay in the temple. ²²And when he came out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the