

## SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 7, 2022



Behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to [Joseph] in a dream, saying, **“Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”** *Matthew 1:20–21*

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PRELUDE

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

PREPARATION

### **Angels: The Ultimate Divine Messengers of Hope**

Today, An Angel of the Lord Brings a Message of Hope in the Midst of Fear of the Unknown

Pastor: In the opening verses of Revelation, the last book of the Bible, John greets the readers of his epistle in this singular way: *“Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come”* (Revelation 1:4). John is confident that God’s grace is readily available for the readers of his letter who are scattered in many Christian gatherings across the area of Asia. And he is certain that the peace of God can reach to all of his readers in their very different and individual situations. The Advent season brings us the assurance that God’s plan is still unfolding and that we continue to abide in His peace. In this season of busyness, we can be peaceful and peaceable people by God’s grace!

### **✠ PREPARATION ✠**

(Please stand)

## HYMN

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” *LSB 341 vs 1 & 2*

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates**

**Behold the King of glory waits**

**The King of kings is drawing near**

**The Savior of the world is here**

**Life and salvation He doth bring**

**Therefore rejoice and gladly sing**

**To God the Father raise**

**Your joyful songs of praise**

**A righteous Helper comes to thee**

**His chariot is humility**

**His kingly crown is holiness**

**His scepter pity in distress**

**The end of all our woe He brings**

**Therefore the earth is glad and sings**

**To Christ the Savior raise**

**Your grateful hymns of praise**

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 80:1, 3, 14a, 17; 40:1, 3a*

Pastor: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.

**People: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine, that we may be saved!**

Pastor: Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven,  
and see.

**People: But let Your hand be on the man of Your right hand,  
the son of man whom You have made strong for Yourself!**

Pastor: I waited patiently for the LORD; He inclined to me and  
heard my cry.

**People: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to  
our God.**

(please be seated or kneel as you are able for the confession and absolution)

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: O God, our Father, You have set forth the way of life for  
us in Your beloved Son. We confess with shame our  
slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and  
our reluctance to bear the cross.

**People: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast  
love. We acknowledge our sinful nature and confess our  
sinful thoughts, words, and deed. Create in us clean  
hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession and by the command of our  
Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you  
all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you  
completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be  
kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He  
who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in ✠ peace.

**People: (spoken) Amen.**

(Please stand)

**✠ WORD ✠**

**INTROIT** *Psalm 105:4–8; antiphon: Isaiah 40:3*

Pastor: A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

**Women: Seek the LORD and His strength; seek His presence continually!**

**Men: Remember the wondrous works that He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He uttered, O offspring of Abraham, His servant, children of Jacob, His chosen ones!**

**Women: He is the LORD our God; His judgments are in all the earth.**

**Men: He remembers His covenant forever, the word that He commanded, for a thousand generations.**

Pastor: A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

**GLORIA PATRI** (we sing)

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be  
world without end. Amen.**

**KYRIE** (we sing)

**All: Lord, have mercy upon us  
Christ, have mercy upon us  
Lord, have mercy upon us**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

“Let All Together Praise Our God” *LSB 389 vs 1 & 2*

**Let all together praise our God**

**Before his glorious throne**

**Today He opens heav’n again**

**To give us His own Song**

**To give us His own Son**

**He leaves His heav’nly Father’s throne**

**Is born an infant small**

**And in a manger, poor and lone**

**Lies in a humble stall**

**Lies in a humble stall**

## SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** (spoken) **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come to us with Your presence. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and grant us a deep and abiding peace for all of our days. By the working of the Holy Spirit, lead us to share that joy we now know as Your gift. Keep us in true faith until the coming of Your everlasting kingdom where You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

*During the singing of the hymn, two candles on the Advent wreath are lighted.*

**HYMN**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *LSB 357 vs 1, 3, 6*

**O, come, o, come, Emmanuel  
And ransom captive Israel  
That mourns in lonely exile here  
Until the Son of God appear  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

**O, come, o, come, Thou Lord of might,  
Who to Thy tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times didst give the Law  
In cloud and majesty and awe  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

**O, come Thou Dayspring from on high  
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night  
And death's dark shadows put to flight  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to you, O Israel!**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 11:1–10 ESV*

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of

the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC**

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Sung by Dave & Marie Brown

## **EPISTLE** *Romans 15:4–13* ESV

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that



Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." And again it is said, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people." And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him." And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Amen.**

(Please stand)

**GRADUAL AND VERSE** *Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26*

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

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

**Men: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless You.**

Pastor: Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight; all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

**People: (we sing) Glory to You, O Lord.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 3:1–12 ESV*

Lector: In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea,

Pastor: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Lector: For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make His paths straight.’” Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them,

Pastor: “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand, and He will clear His threshing floor and gather His wheat into the barn, but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People:** (we sing) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

**PRAYER REQUESTS**—please pass your requests to the person nearest the aisle and the ushers will pick them up during the singing of the hymn of the day. Thank you!!

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

“On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry” *LSB 344 vs 1-3*

**On Jordan’s bank the Baptist’s cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh  
Awake and hearken for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of kings**

**Then cleansed be ev’ry life from sin  
Make straight the way for God within  
And let us all our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there  
We hail Thee as our Savior Lord  
Our refuge and our great reward  
Without Thy grace we waste away  
Like flow’rs that wither and decay**

**++ SERMON ++**

ADVENT WEEK 2

Text: Matthew 1:18–25

An Angel of the Lord Brings a Message of Hope in the Midst of Fear of the Unknown

### **Sermon Outline**

1. Joseph faces fear of the unknown in Mary’s unexpected pregnancy and whether to marry her.
2. God answers that fear with the promise of the birth of Jesus, Immanuel.
3. As we face our fears of the unknown, God answers with the same message of hope in the Savior, God with us.

The Angel's Message of Hope to Joseph in the Midst of His Fear Gives Us  
Hope as We Fear Our Unknowns.

(Please stand as we prepare to confess our faith)

**CREED** *The Second Article*

Pastor: In the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed, echoing the proclamation of John the Baptist, we confess Jesus to be the Savior, the One who fulfills God's promises.

**People: I believe 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.**

Pastor: What does this mean?

**People: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.**

(Please be seated or kneel as you are able for the Prayer of the Church)

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Jesus Christ and for all people according to their needs.

Come, O Lord, among us, that as people united in faith, we may witness to the Good News that is ours in Christ Jesus.

With hope we pray:

**People:** (spoken) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Pastor: Come, O Lord, with Your presence on earth, that in those places where strife and discord rule there be times of peace. Come to our nation, that we find joy in that which is done through it by the leaders and by the people.

With hope we pray:

**People:** (spoken) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Pastor: Come, O Lord, and walk beside us that Your love and blessing be evident in all that we say and do. With hope we pray:

**People:** (spoken) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Pastor: Come, O Lord, and bring Your response to the special concerns on our hearts today, including health and family needs and situations that are part of life, ..... With hope we pray:

**People:** (spoken) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Pastor: For all those who have completed their earthly journey in faith and now rest from their labors in eternal peace and joy, serving as witnesses of Your never-ending care, we bless You, O Lord, and ask that we also be numbered with the saints in glory everlasting. With hope we pray:

**People:** (spoken) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

(Please be seated as the offering is being received and Hymn 783 is sung)

## **OFFERING**

## **HYMN**

*“Take My Life and Let It Be” LSB 783 vs 1-4*

**Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated Lord to Thee  
Take my moments and my days  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise**

**Take my hands and let them move  
At the impulse of Thy Love  
Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for Thee**

**Take my voice and let me sing  
Always only for my King  
Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from Thee**

**Take my silver and my gold  
Not a mite would I withhold  
Take my intellect and use  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose**

(Please stand)

## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

### **PREFACE** *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** (spoken) **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People:** (spoken) **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** (spoken) **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **PROPER PREFACE**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**SANCTUS** *(sing) LSB 195*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory**

**Hosanna**

**Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**Blessed is He**

**Blessed is He**

**Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord**

**Hosanna,**

**Hosanna**

**Hosanna in the highest**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord of heaven and earth. We bless You for having sent Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, to give Himself as a perfect sacrifice for us so that our lives may know true peace and endless joy. Invited by Your grace, we come to Your Table with thankful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood that we may continue as the people of Your kingdom of peace, awaiting the eternal feast in glory everlasting.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**



## THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: **“Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”**

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: **“Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”**

## PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST *1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20*

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER** *Matthew 6:9–13*

**People:** 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.

**PAX DOMINI**

**Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People:** (spoken) Amen.

**AGNUS DEI** (Sung) LSB 198

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the  
world have mercy upon us

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the  
world, have mercy upon us

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

“I Come, of Saviour, to Thy Table” LSB 618 vs 1 & 2

**I Come O Savior to Thy table  
For weak and weary is my soul  
Thou Bread of Life alone art able  
To satisfy and make me whole**

**Lord may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good**

**Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning  
That sinners may salvation see  
Who Lord to Thee in faith are turning  
So I a sinner come to Thee**

**Lord may Thy body and Thy blood  
Be for my soul the highest good**

(Please stand at the conclusion of the distribution for the blessing followed by the Post-Communion Canticle)

## **THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**Pastor:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**THE NUNC DIMITTIS** (we sing) TLH p. 29-30

**Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant  
depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
which Thou hast prepared before the face  
of all people, a light to lighten the  
Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen**

## **POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have again welcomed us at Your Table and have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. Grant that the body and blood of our Lord now within us keep us joy-filled and secure in Your love. Bless us through this divine gift that we may live with assurance and confidence, even in times of earthly sadness and sorrow. Grant that Your Holy Spirit enlighten us with His gifts that we be people who rejoice in Your promises and live to Your glory. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## **BENEDICAMUS**

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God.**

## **BENEDICTION** *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: 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.

**People:** (spoken) **Amen.**

## HYMN

“From Heaven Above to Earth I Come” *LSB 358 vs 1-3*

**From heav’n above to earth I come**

**To bear good news to ev’ry home**

**Glad tidings of great joy I bring**

**Where of I now will say and sing**

**To you this night is born a child**

**Of Mary chosen virgin mild**

**This little child of lowly birth**

**Shall be the joy of all the earth**

**This is the Christ our God Most High**

**Who hears your sad and bitter cry**

**He will Himself your Savior be**

**From all your sins to set you free**

(Please be seated)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

**People:** (spoken) **Thanks be to God!**

## THOSE SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

Rev. Paul Pollatz, Pastor

Marie Brown, Organist

Frank Pignanelli, Elder

Laurie Pignanelli, Reader

Bill Switter, Dave Brown & Kathy King, Ushers

## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Thank you

From Elder Ken Kosmalski to the following who were able to help decorate the Church & the Gym for the Christmas Season:

Dave & Marie Brown, Jim & Karen Bumgarner, Linda Hurst, Chris Thompson, Frank Pignanelli & The Phyllis Dasher Family.

Thank you for your stewardship to Mt. Hope & to the Glory of God!

### Christmas Bazaar Tables

All items are free will offering except the quilts. Large \$40 Small \$25. All proceeds go to replenish quilting supplies/ batting & a portion will go to LWML Mite box offerings. Any gently used items are welcome especially Christmas items. The table will be up until end of December. Any donations can be put on the table or in the church office.

### Toys for Tots

until December 14<sup>th</sup>

Please bring unwrapped toys and place in box in narthex.

### BINGO!

December 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>

### Quilting

December 15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

### Attendance

Sunday November 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am 47

## **Prayer List**

If sudden illness or the need for immediate prayers occurs, please feel free to contact our Prayer Chain leader, Joan Hafkesbrink, at 313.565.6871. Prayer requests will remain on the list for two weeks.

### **Anniversary**

### **Birthdays**

### **For the Shut-Ins**

*Judy Ohannasian, at home*  
*Dorothy MacTavish, at home*  
*Camell Faulk, at home*  
*Phyllis Witte, at home*  
*Melvin Kimbrough, at home*  
*Lynn Mayfield, at home*  
*Albert Glueck, at home*  
*Shirley Ripke, at home*

### **For Those Who Are Sick or Healing**

**Al Hoyer**, Glenn Cairns' nephew, blood clots  
**Master Sgt Starlett Waddle Lanning**, friend of Kim Armstrong, pneumonia with Upper respiratory complications  
**Paul Utcai**, hospitalized with heart difficulties  
**Samantha Planka**, niece of Janet Witte, covid  
**Phyllis Dasher**, upcoming surgery in January  
**Rick Fults**, Jackie Fults son, upcoming surgery  
**Shirley Ripke**, Rehab  
**Tina Keener**, discharged from Beaumont behavioral clinic  
**Mark Ritthuler**, Joan from quilting's son, Rehab  
**Diane Brown**, Sandy Cairns' sister

**Nena Mullins**, Friend of Pam Benford, home and preparing for chemo treatments

**Pat Bates**, pray for continued strength and stamina

## **To help you prepare for next week worship**

**Text:** Luke 1:26–38

Advent week 3

The Angel Gabriel Brings a Message of Hope in the Midst of  
the Seemingly Impossible

### **Message Outline**

Gabriel Comes Again as God's Special Messenger, This Time to Mary, Announcing a True Message of Hope Even in the Midst of the Seemingly Impossible.

- I. Gabriel appears to a shocked and amazed Mary to announce a great miracle.
- II. He comes with a message of hope: Nothing is impossible with God.
- III. The message of hope is repeated to us in the miracle of the incarnation and inspires our hope for all things.

Advent Adverb # 1: TRUSTINGLY

Advent Adverb # 2: EXPECTANTLY

Advent Adverb # 3: JOYFULLY