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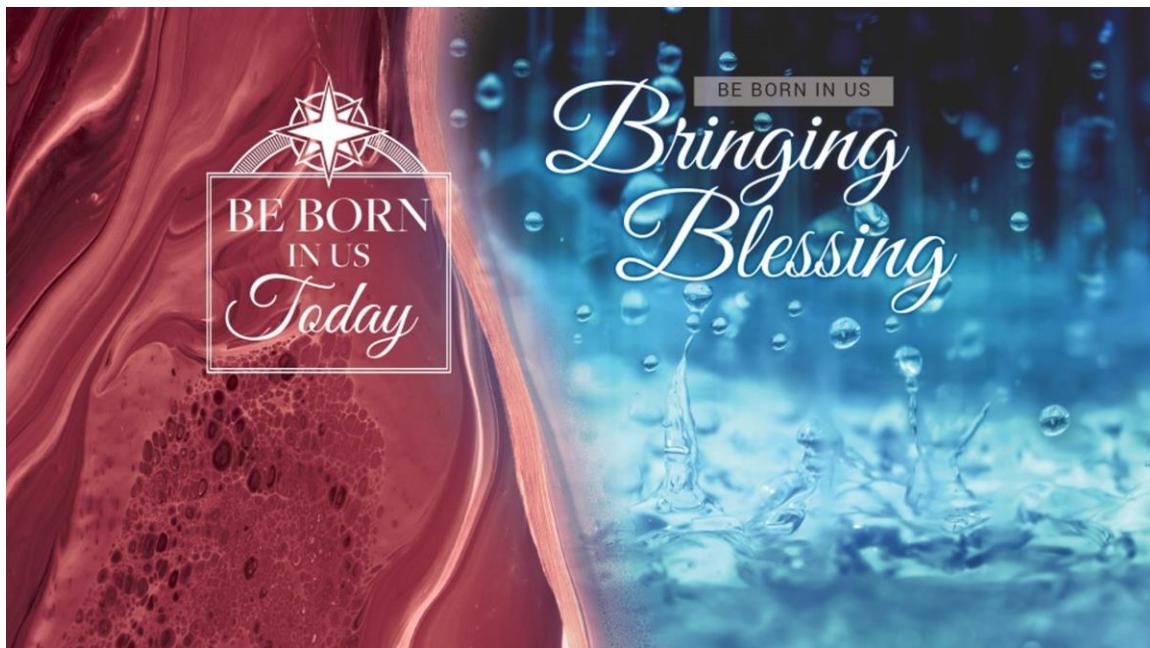
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First Sunday of Advent

“BRINGING THE BLESSING”

*Whoever you are...
Wherever you are in your JOURNEY OF FAITH...
YOU are WELCOME here!*

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Welcome

Gathering Music

Our celebration begins with this morning's pre-service music selection. Use this time to prepare your heart for worship by reading and meditating on the lessons for today.



Invocation and Prayer

Introduction of Today's Theme

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

All: Amen.

Leader: We light the first candle on the Advent wreath as we rejoice in the blessings that have come to us through the birth of our Savior, Jesus. God told Abraham that through one of his descendants "all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

All: Holy Child of Bethlehem, You were born among us to live and die and rise in fulfillment of God's promise to bless all nations.

Leader: The promised descendant of Abraham, Jesus, is a blessing for people of all nations who trust in Him for salvation. "So then, those who are of faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith"

All: Holy Child of Bethlehem, be born in us today. Through faith in Your name, Lord Jesus, we have the blessings of forgiveness and salvation!

Leader: In Jesus' Holy Name, Amen!

Leader: Let us pray: Almighty God and Father, through the gift of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, You fulfilled Your promise to Abraham, that one of his descendants would be a blessing for all nations. Jesus, the Holy Child of Bethlehem, was born among us to bring us the blessings of forgiveness, life and salvation through faith in His name. Give us opportunities to use our earthly blessings to help those in need and empower us by Your Spirit to be bold witnesses to our Savior, so that others will come to know the blessing of faith in Jesus. Hear our prayer and accept our grateful praise in His holy name. Amen.

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God and ask His forgiveness.

All: Lord God, we are blessed with Your love and salvation, but we do not always live as Your people. We turn away from Your Word and ways to follow our own selfish desires. We listen to the temptations of the world around us. We do not share with others the blessings we have received. Have mercy on us and forgive us.

Pastor: God has had mercy on us. He sent His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, the blessing for the nations, to atone for the sins of the world. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

All: “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered”



Opening Song: “Lift Up Your Heads, You Mighty Gates”– LW #24 vs 1, 2, 4 & 5

GOD SPEAKS THROUGH HIS WORD *(SCRIPTURE READINGS ON PAGE 7-8)*



First Reading: Genesis 12:1 – 8

Reader: This is God's Word.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Romans 4:1 – 8

Reader: This is God's Word.

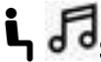
All: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39 – 56

Pastor: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to You, O Christ.



Song of the Day: “The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came” – LSB #356

Message: “Bringing the Blessing” – Pastor Tom Hurley



WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

† Apostles Creed – *(All speak together)*

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.

The Prayers – Congregation response, “Hear our prayer.”

Offering – The offering plate is by the door as you exit today.

Lord’s Prayer:

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.



WE GO OUT TO SHARE GOD'S GRACE

Closing Litany: Psalm 111

Leader: Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

All: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.

Leader: He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful. He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.

All: He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

Leader: The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

All: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!

Leader: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Benediction

Pastor: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.

All: For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name" (Luke 1:46-48).

Pastor: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace."



Closing Hymn: "Once He Came in Blessing" – LW #30

Announcements

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DECEMBER/JANUARY – There's a new **Worship Schedule** in the Worship Teams boxes for **December & January**. Please pick them up.

ADULT FORUM – Adult Forum Monday mornings at 9:30 on ZOOM. Look for the ZOOM invitation in your email each Sunday afternoon.

SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD TODAY:

Lay Leader: Nelson Gremmels
Comm. Assistant: ***No Comm.**
Ushers/Greeter: John & Gail Hutson
Reader: Diana Goebel
Altar/Pre-Post Clean: ***Cecilia Bowman***
Counter: Chuck Bakken
Fellowship: Diana Goebel

SERVING IN THE LORD'S FIELD NEXT SUNDAY:

Lay Leader: Dwayne Warren
Comm. Assistant: Dwayne Warren
Usher/Greeter: Chuck & Elfi Bakken
Reader: Nancy Warren
Altar/Pre-Post Clean: Judy Montoya
Counter: Dan Bastien
Fellowship: Dwayne & Nancy Warren

**No Communion on these Sundays. Altar person will fill the candles on the Altar, change and light the hanging candle.*

BIRTHDAY: Linda Sotto

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Mark & Peggy Jacobson (1996)

SERVING IN THE MILITARY: Dwight & Joseph Worthington (*Grandsons of the Bakken's*), Esteban Ramirez (*Grandson of Mercedes See*), and 2nd Lt. Charles Gremmels (*Son of Tom & Kevin Gremmels and Grandson of Nelson & Shirley*).

SURGERY/ILLNESS/PRAYER REQUEST:

Ken Benson – Prayers needed to heal his broken shoulder, and continued healing from cancer.

Carmen Roncancio – Prayer for God to provide peace of mind and a resolution.

Alberta Winterboer – Suffered a stroke and is recovering (*Brigitte's ex-Mother-in-law*).

Xanthia Warren – Prayers for sustaining health.

Fern Johnson – Having severe asthma problems, pray for restored healing.

Mike Gremmels – Prayers for successful recovery after surgeries.

Tori Carter – She's a new mother, starting treatment for breast cancer (*Fern's granddaughter*).

Mark Jagow – Pray for his recovery (*Rhoda's brother*).

Lance Desmond – Prayers for a kidney replacement, as he continues dialysis.

Joyce Semar – (**8 mos. old**) Prayers for recovery from heart surgery (*Parents: Ryan & Barb – related to the Gremmels*).

Bret Winterboer – Prayers for continued strength as he recovers from the stroke (*Brigitte's son & Ken's grandson*).

Jules Schindler – Pray for scalp to heal, maximum bed rest and overall health.

Bruce Baker – Pray for him to have peace and comfort (*Friend of Diana Goebel*).

COVID 19 – Prayer for a miraculous solution and remedy from this pandemic for the world.



First Reading: Genesis 12:1 – 8

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 4:1 – 8

What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:39 – 56

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant. For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts; he has brought down the mighty from their thrones and exalted those of humble estate; he has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his offspring forever." And Mary remained with her about three months and returned to her home.



*My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior*

Luke 1:46