# MIDWEEK OF ADVENT

December 21, 2022

#### MIDWEEK OF ADVENT 4

#### **JESUS**

#### **INVOCATION**

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Mary and Joseph set out for Bethlehem a couple days ago. With Mary in late-term pregnancy they're doing well to cover 15 miles each day. Having begun their journey at Nazareth in Galilee, they are now in northern Samaria. By Saturday they should reach Bethlehem, where the Son of God in human flesh will be born.

Christmas – the birth of Jesus – is now only days away. Advent - the season of awaiting his coming - is nearly over!

Tonight, we sing of the coming Savior!

(Congregation selects 2 songs from LSB, Advent 331-357 or Redeemer 508-516)

HYMN #1
As the hymn is sung, the candles of the Advent wreath and/or on the altar are lighted.
HYMN #2

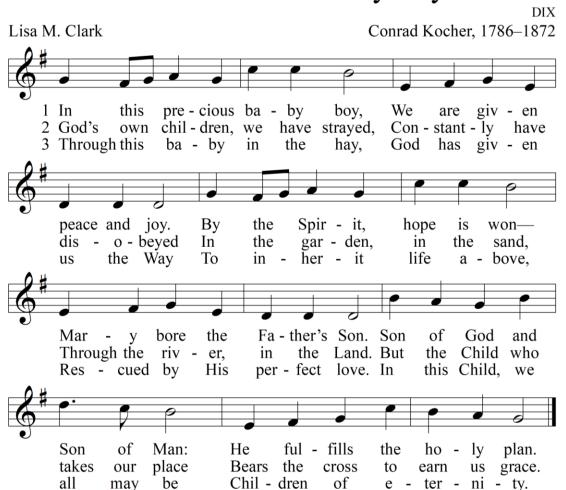
#### FIRST READING

P A reading from Luke, the second chapter. (Luke 2:1-6)

¹In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own town. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the town of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, ⁵to be registered with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. ⁶And while they were there, the time came for her to give birth.

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

## In This Precious Baby Boy



#### SECOND READING

P A reading from Matthew, the third chapter. (Matthew 3:16-17)

<sup>16</sup>And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; <sup>17</sup>and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

- **P** O Lord, have mercy on us.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### **PRAYER**

P Lord God, gracious Father, who in the fullness of time sent your Son to become man, to assume human flesh like ours and become our Brother, we thank you for your truth and your fatherly goodness in giving us this Savior. By his birth, death and resurrection, we are delivered from sin, death, Satan and hell. We beseech you, keep us until the end in true knowledge of our Redeemer, that with the holy angels, we may rejoice at his nativity, and on the Last Day, when he comes again, we may behold him, together with you and the Holy Spirit, in glory and majesty, world without end; through

Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

HYMN #3		
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#### **OFFERING**

BENEDICTION Psalm 146:5

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the 

→ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

<b>C</b> Amen	
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HYMN #5		
HYMN #6		

#### **CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Come Celebrate Christmas With Us!

Christmas Eve Services

December 24 at 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM

(4:00 PM will be live-streamed)

<u>Christmas Day Service</u> December 25 at 9:30 AM (one service w/communion)

New Year's Day
January 1 at 9:30 AM (one service)

