

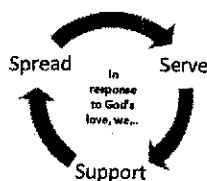
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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Order of Worship -9 AM

+ Service of Holy Communion +

Divine Service, Setting Four (LSB)

AS WE GATHER – While the secular calendar won't switch to 2019 for another month, the Church Year begins anew today. Advent is a season of waiting and preparation. One Advent tradition is to mark the four Sundays in Advent with four words that encompass what Jesus brings as He comes into the world to be our Immanuel—God with us. These four words are hope, peace, joy, and love. Today we focus on hope. There is a lot of suffering in the world, but hope exists in Christ's incarnation, death, resurrection, and return.

PRESERVICE MUSIC “Come, Your Hearts & Voices Raising” Jeffrey Blersch

WELCOME

[Please fill out prayer request cards.]

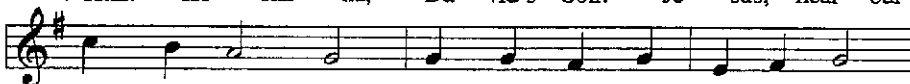
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♩ **OPENING HYMN**

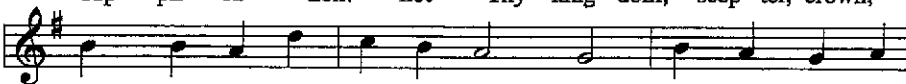
Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come



1 Come, Thou pre - cious Ran - som, come, On - ly hope for
2 En - ter now my wait - ing heart, Glo - rious King and
3 My ho - san - nas and my palms Gra - cious - ly re -
4 Hail! Ho - san - na, Da - vid's Son! Je - sus, hear our



sin - ful mor - tals! Come, O Sav - ior of the world!
Lord most ho - ly. Dwell in me and ne'er de - part,
ceive, I pray Thee; Ev - er more, as best I can,
sup - pli - ca - tion! Let Thy king - dom, scep - ter, crown,



O - pen are to Thee all por - tals. Come, Thy beau - ty
Though I am but poor and low - ly. Ah, what rich - es
Sav - ior, I will hom - age pay Thee, And in faith I
Bring us bless - ing and sal - va - tion, That for - ev - er



let us see; Anx - ious - ly we wait for Thee.
will be mine When Thou art my guest di - vine!
will em - brace, Lord, Thy mer - it through Thy grace.
we may sing: Hail! Ho - san - na to our King.

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INVOCATION

- P** *In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**
- P** *Our help is in the name of the Lord,*
- C** **who made heaven and earth.**
- P** *If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?*
- C** **But, with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**
- P** *Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**
- P** *Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*
- C** **Amen.**

INTROIT

Ps. 89:6, 14–16, 18; antiphon: Zech. 9:9b, alt.

- P** *Behold, your king is coming to you;*
 - C** **righteous and having salvation.**
 - P** *Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?*
 - C** **Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?**
 - P** *Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;*
 - C** **steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.**
 - P** *Blessèd are the people who know the festal shout,*
 - C** **who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,**
 - P** *who exult in your name all the day*
 - C** **and in your righteousness are exalted.**
 - P** *For our shield belongs to the LORD,*
 - C** **our king to the Holy One of Israel.**
- All:** **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;*
 - C** **righteous and having salvation.**

KYRIE



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the Highest



☐ 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shiped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ *The Lord be with you.*

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ *Let us pray.*

All: Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14–16

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

☐ *This is the Word of the Lord.*

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

☐ *This is the Word of the Lord.*

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



These things are writ - ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

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

G Glory to You, O Lord.

(lesson is on the last page of the bulletin)

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

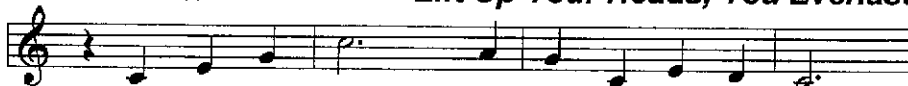
G Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

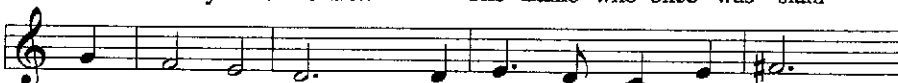
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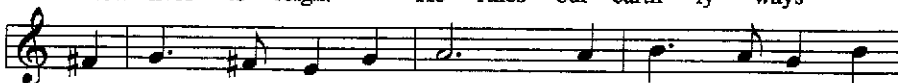
Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors



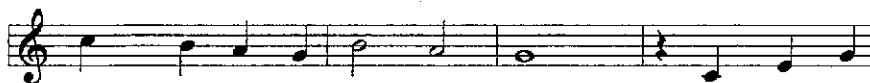
1 Lift up your heads,	you ev - er - last - ing doors,
2 Who is this King	of great and glo - rious fame?
3 Who may as - cend	Mount Zi - on's ho - ly hill
4 "Wor - thy is Christ!"	The Lamb who once was slain



And weep no more!	O Zi - on's daugh - ter, sing,
What is His name?	Lord God of Sab - a - oth,
To do God's will?	The One whose un - stained hands
Now lives to reign.	He rules our earth - ly ways



To greet your com - ing King;	Now wave the vic - tor's
Of whom the proph - ets wrote,	Whose cho - sen, hum - ble
Can meet the Law's de - mands,	Whose pu - ri - ty with -
As Lord of An - cient Days—	O join the end - less



palm And sing the an - cient psalm: "Lift up your
 steed De - clares Him king in - deed! Ho - san - na,
 in Re - veals One free from sin. Come, praise this
 song Sung by the ran - somed throng: "Wor - thy is



heads, you ev - er - last - ing gates!" Your King a - waits!
 Lord! Mes - si - ah, come and save From sin and grave.
 King who claims the cross as throne— Praise Him a - lone!
 Christ!" The Lamb be praised a - gain! A - men! A - men!

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SERMON "A NOT-SO-SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY" Luke 19:28-40

- I. It may be strange to hear the Gospel lesson for Palm Sunday on the First Sunday in Advent.
- II. But this reminds us of why Jesus was born on Christmas—to die on the cross and rise from the grave to save us from our sins.

NICENE CREED

I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made Man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

POFFERING "O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide" by Friedrich Zipp

OFFERTORY Love in Christ Is Strong and Living



1 Love in Christ is strong and liv - ing, Bind - ing faith - ful
 2 Love is pa - tient and for - bear - ing, Clothed in Christ's hu -
 3 Love in Christ a - bides for - ev - er, Faint - ing not when



hearts in one; Love in Christ is true and giv - ing.
 mil - i - ty, Gen - tle, self - less, kind, and car - ing,
 ills at - tend; Love, for - giv - ing and for - giv - en,



May His will in us be done.
 Reach - ing out in char - i - ty.
 Shall en - dure un - til life's end.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Luke 19:38

- P** *Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who do not know You, those who have rejected You, and those who are straying from You. Unite them to Your glorious throne and dwell in their hearts. "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"*
- C** **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"**
- P** *Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who are lonely and in need of Your presence. Come to the homeless, the unemployed, the underemployed, the homebound, the mentally ill, those who are in transition, and anyone else who experiences the pain of loneliness. Remind them of Your incarnation and lead them to Your Church, where we bear one another's burdens. "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"*
- C** **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"**
- P** *Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who are oppressed and at the mercy of others. Rescue those who are suffering, abused, neglected, and hated. Comfort them with Your tender presence and love. "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"*
- C** **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"**
- P** *Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who are sick, injured, and recovering, [especially . . .]. Strengthen them with Your healing hand and with Your unwavering presence. "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"*
- C** **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"**
- P** *Lord Jesus Christ, come to Your broken Church with the gifts of reconciliation and restoration. Unite Your people once again so that we enjoy fellowship rather than fractured division. "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!"*
- C** **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!"**
- P** *Into Your hands, Lord Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your ever-present mercy. **C** Amen.*

PREFACE

- P** *The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.*
- P** *Lift up your hearts.*
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
- P** *It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Holy Lord, Almighty Father, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:*

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P *Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.*

C Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P *As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.*

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P *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:*

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.**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us share this peace with one another.*

(People greet one another saying: "Peace be with you. And also with you.")

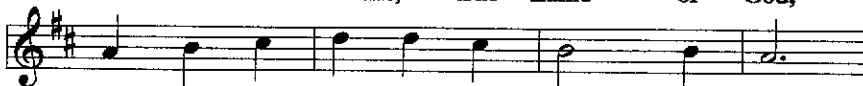
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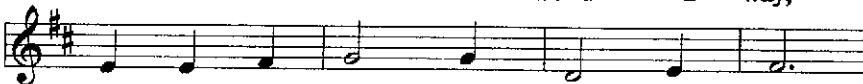
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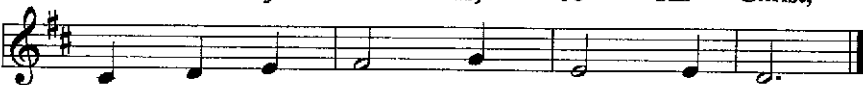
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

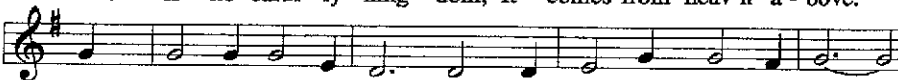
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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.

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Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore-told in sa - cred sto - ry:
 God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
 All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
 So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

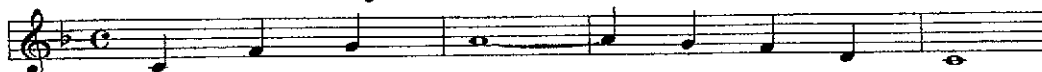
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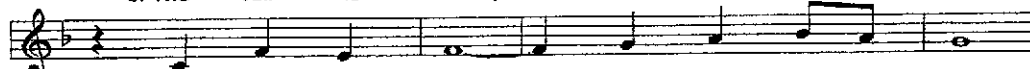
Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

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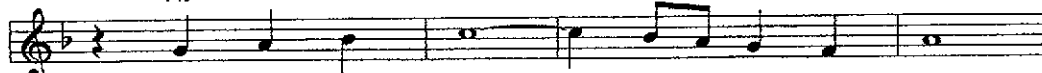
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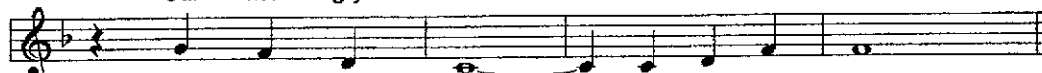
1. The in - fant Priest was ho - ly born
 2. This great High Priest in hu - man flesh
 3. The ho - ly Lamb un - daunt - ed came
 4. But death would not the vic - tor be
 5. The veil is torn, our Priest we see,



For us un - ho - ly and for - lorn;
 Was i - con of God's righ - teous - ness.
 To God's own al - tar lit with flame;
 Of Him who hung up - on the tree.
 As at the rail on bend - ed knee

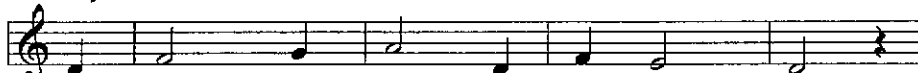


From flesh - ly tem - ple forth came He,
 His hal - lowed touch brought sanc - ti - ty;
 While weep - ing an - gels hid their eyes,
 He leads us to the Ho - ly Place
 Our hun - gry mouths from Him re - ceive



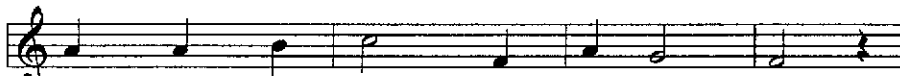
A - noint - ed from e - ter - ni - ty.
 His hand re - moved im - pu - ri - ty.
 This Priest be - came a sac - ri - fice.
 With - in the veil be - fore God's face.
 The bread of im - mor - tal - i - ty.

O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide



1 O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide;
 2 O Fa - ther, light from heav - en send;
 3 O earth, in flow'r - ing bud be seen;
 4 O Fount of hope, how long, how long?
 5 O Morn - ing Star, O ra - diant Sun,

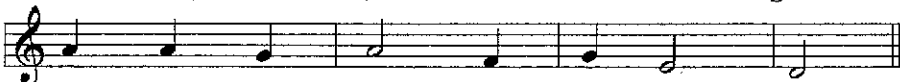
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Come down, come down with might - y stride;
 As morn - ing dew, O Son, de - scend.
 Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.
 When will You come with com - fort strong?
 When will our hearts be - hold Your dawn?



Un - lock the gates, the doors break down;
 Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring:
 Bring forth, O earth, a blos - som rare,
 O come, O come, Your throne fore - go;
 O Sun, a - rise; with - out Your light



Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.
 To Ja - cob's line rain down the King.
 Our Sav - ior, sprung from mead - ow fair.
 Con - sole us in our vale of woe.
 We grope in gloom and dark of night.

6. Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;
 Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
 O come, lead us with mighty hand
 From exile to our promised land.

7. There shall we all our praises bring
 And sing to You, our Savior King;
 There shall we laud You and adore
 Forever and forevermore.

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¶ NUNC DIMITTIS

Song of Simeon



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
 2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
 glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace;
 Spir - it, For - ev - er Three - in - One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
 For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

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to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P *Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.* **G** Amen.

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 His peace.* **G** Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Savior of the Nations, Come

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and
here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,
That the Lord chose such a birth.
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
God was there up - on His throne.
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

5. God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.

6. For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.

(continued)

7. From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.

8. Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our King,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity. Amen.

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POSTLUDE

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THE LUTHERAN HOUR MESSAGE **KOA 850 AM: Sunday @ 6:00 AM**

December 9: ***“Redeemer with a Capital R”***; Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker

When people use the word “redeem” outside of religious context, they tend to use it in a commercial sense—redeeming points from purchases or casino tokens for cash. In the Bible, the word “redeem” is used in a family setting. In the story of Ruth, Boaz is a “kinsman redeemer,” who points to Jesus, our capital-r-Redeemer. Jesus has done more than pay our points. He redeems by bringing us into His clan, His people, His household, that we might be with Him forever. (Ruth 3-4)