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“Promises! Promises! Promises!”

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ADVENT MIDWEEK SERVICE 2: “PROMISES! PROMISES! PROMISES” (ISAIAH 9:6-7)

OPENING HYMN

“Arise, O Christian People”

LSB 354

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: The Lord promised Abram, “I will bless those who bless you,

People: **and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”**

Pastor: Paul reminds us that Abraham’s faith was “counted to him as righteousness.”

People: **“It will be counted to us who believe in Him who raised Jesus.”**

Pastor: Jesus said, “Abraham rejoiced that he would see My day.

People: **He saw it and was glad.”**

CONFESSIONS AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Lord God, merciful Father, pour out Your Holy Spirit and deliver us from the evil one. Open our eyes so we see our sin and selfishness and why it was necessary for You to come as the **Savior Promised** of old. Inspire our repentance so we return to You.

People: Amen.

Pastor: By the power of the Holy Spirit, let us return to our gracious Lord and confess our sins.

Silence for reflection and confession.

Pastor: Merciful Father,

People: We confess that we do not live according to Your Word and instead, we follow gossip and slander, pride and pretense. We have become smug and self-righteous. Bring us out of our sin and clothe us with the garments of salvation, won for us through the Savior Promised—Jesus Christ—the Babe of Bethlehem. Amen.

Pastor: Our God is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love! Because He is love, He keeps His **promises** and *fulfills* them by sending His Son Jesus to shed His blood on the cursed Tree for us. By faith we stand forgiven, restored and empowered to live new lives. Therefore, we proclaim to each other—

**All: Christ saves, rescues you and restores you! Christ loves you and forgives you!
Go in His peace!**

HYMN

“Come Thou Long Expected Jesus”

LSB 338

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Lord Jesus, You promised Your ancestor Abraham that through him all the families of the earth would be blessed.

People: Strengthen the faith we share with him in Your gracious promises. Grant that during our sojourn on this earth we ever look toward the better country You have prepared for us.

Pastor: Son of Abraham,

People: hear our prayer.

✠ READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE ✠

FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-7

Reader: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 73:21-28 (In front of hymnal)

SECOND READING

John 15:1-11

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

1. Tears are falling, hearts are breaking;
How we need to hear from God.
You’ve been promised, we’ve been waiting.
Welcome, holy Child, welcome holy Child.
2. Hope that You don’t mind our manger;
How I wish we would have known.
But long awaited holy Stranger,
Make Yourself at home, please make Yourself at home.
3. Bring Your peace into our violence,
Bid our hungry souls be filled.
Word now breaking Heaven’s silence,
Welcome to our world, Welcome to our world.
4. Fragile finger sent to heal us,
Tender brow prepared for thorn,
Tiny heart whose blood will save us,
Unto us is born, Unto us is born.
5. Wrap our injured flesh around You,
breathe our air and walk our sod.
Rob our sin and make us holy,
perfect Son of God, perfect Son of God.

Welcome to our world.

SERMON

“A Presence Promised”

Isaiah 9:6-7

OFFERING

HYMN

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

LSB 359

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: We see our mighty God in the most unlikely places—a child in a stable, a Man upon a cross, the Risen One bursting forth from an empty tomb. May God hear our prayers, because of the **Savior Promised** of old—Christ Jesus our Lord and King.

Pastor: Loving God, because of who You are, You chose us in love, in Christ, before the foundation of the world to be Yours for time and eternity.

People: **In the Savior Promised You *fulfilled* Your choice by condemning Your Only Son to death on the Tree; so that we may live with Him forever in the paradise He earned for us.**

Pastor: Just God, grant Your Spirit to the nations, especially these United States, heal our division and unite us in the cross of the **Savior Promised**; and send Your light to the dark places of the world.

People: **Faithful God, inspire all people by the Savior Promised, Christ our Lord, who paid the ransom price for our souls on the cursed Tree of the cross; and bring forth resurrection and life..**

Pastor: Saving God, sustain all who suffer and release those imprisoned by pain or disease.

People: **Especially we pray in the name of the Savior Promised to be with all who have been affected and afflicted by the COVID Pandemic.**

Pastor: Give us ears to hear, O God, and eyes to watch, that we may know Your presence in our midst during this holy season of joy as we anticipate the Savior Promised of old coming in flesh—the Babe of Bethlehem, our blessed Lord and Savior.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

People: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Hark the Glad Sound”

LSB 349

