

# Advent with Mary:

## *Mary's Catechesis*



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*“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,  
and you shall call his name Jesus.”*

*Luke 1:31*

Prelude  
Ringing of Bells  
Welcome

**Hymn of Invocation #LSB 338**      *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*  
*Stand*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**Collect of the Day**

**L** Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning. And You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Opening Verses**

*Psalm 25:4-10*

<sup>4</sup>Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
**teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup>Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
**for you are the God of my salvation;**  
**for you I wait all the day long.**

<sup>6</sup>Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.

<sup>7</sup>**Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;**  
**according to your steadfast love remember me,**  
**for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

<sup>8</sup>Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

<sup>9</sup>**He leads the humble in what is right,**  
**and teaches the humble his way.**

<sup>10</sup>All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**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.**

*Sit*

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 9:2-3, 6-7*

<sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,  
on them has light shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation;  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as they are glad when they divide the spoil.

<sup>6</sup>For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

<sup>7</sup>Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Philippians 2:5–11*

<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with  
God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the form  
of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in  
human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of  
death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at  
the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and  
under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to  
the glory of God the Father.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Gospel Reading

*Luke 1:26–38*

<sup>26</sup>In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of  
Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup>to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name  
was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary.  
<sup>28</sup>And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is  
with you!" <sup>29</sup>But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to  
discern what sort of greeting this might be. <sup>30</sup>And the angel said to her,  
"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup>And  
behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall

call his name Jesus. <sup>32</sup>He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, <sup>33</sup>and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

<sup>34</sup>And Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”

<sup>35</sup>And the angel answered her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. <sup>36</sup>And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup>For nothing will be impossible with God.” <sup>38</sup>And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

**L** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day #LSB 356**     *The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

**Prayers of The Church**

**Luther’s Evening Prayer**

**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.**

**Blessing**

**L** The Almighty and Merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and preserve you.

**C** Amen.

**Departing Hymn #LSB 621**

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent*

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