

# Advent with Mary:

## *Mary's Journey*



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Immanuel Lutheran Church

*In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the  
hill country, to a town in Judah.*

*Luke 1:39*

Prelude  
Ringing of Bells  
Welcome

**Hymn of Invocation #LSB 341** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*  
*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 132:7–9, 13–16*

<sup>7</sup>Let us go to his dwelling place;  
**let us worship at his footstool!**

<sup>8</sup>Arise, O LORD, and go to your resting place,  
you and the ark of your might.

<sup>9</sup>**Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,  
and let your saints shout for joy.**

<sup>13</sup>For the LORD has chosen Zion;  
he has desired it for his dwelling place:

<sup>14</sup>**“This is my resting place forever;  
here I will dwell, for I have desired it.**

<sup>15</sup>I will abundantly bless her provisions;  
I will satisfy her poor with bread.

<sup>16</sup>**Her priests I will clothe with salvation,  
and her saints will shout for joy.**

**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**

*2 Samuel 6:9–14*

<sup>9</sup>And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and he said, “How can the ark of the LORD come to me?” <sup>10</sup>So David was not willing to take the ark of the LORD into the city of David. But David took it aside to the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. <sup>11</sup>And the ark of the

LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months, and the LORD blessed Obed-edom and all his household.

<sup>12</sup>And it was told King David, “The LORD has blessed the household of Obed-edom and all that belongs to him, because of the ark of God.” So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing. <sup>13</sup>And when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six steps, he sacrificed an ox and a fattened animal. <sup>14</sup>And David danced before the LORD with all his might. And David was wearing a linen ephod.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Galatians 4:4–7*

<sup>4</sup>When the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. <sup>6</sup>And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Gospel Reading

*Luke 1:39–45*

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, <sup>40</sup>and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, <sup>42</sup>and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day #LSB 343**

*Prepare the Royal Highway*

**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 332**

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

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