

# ADVENT I

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2019

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church  
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## **THREE IMPOSSIBLE BIRTHS**

**PRE-SERVICE PREPARATION:** Psalm 42

**HYMN 61 :** “Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People”

**P:** In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** The Lord be with you. \*

**C: And with you, His servant.**

**P:** Oh, come, let us lift our hearts unto the LORD.

**C: With hearts uplifted thanks to Him we render:**

**With joy we come before Him,**

**In gratefulness implore Him,**

**With thankful hearts adore Him Evermore!**

\* To the melody of "O Come All Ye Faithful"

## **THE CONFESSION OF SINS**

**P:** It is written: “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the Truth is not in us.”

**C: “But if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”**

**P:** “If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His Word is not in us.”

**C: “If anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous.”**

**P:** “He Himself is the propitiation for our sins,

**C: and not for ours only but also for the whole world.”**

**ALL:** *Jesus came, the heav’ns adoring, came with peace from realms on high; Jesus came for man’s redemption, lowly came on earth to die; Alleluia! Alleluia! Came in deep humility!*

**P:** Let us confess our sins and seek God’s mercy in Christ.

**ALL:** **Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your loving-kindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,**

**and cleanse me from my sin, For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

***ALL: Jesus comes again in mercy when our hearts are bowed with care; Jesus comes again in answer to an earnest, heart-felt prayer; Alleluia! Alleluia! Came to save us from despair.***

### **THE ABSOLUTION**

P: It is written: "In this the Love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. This is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life." Dear Christians, through faith in the perfect life and innocent death of Jesus Christ, all your sins have been forgiven. Let us not think of this forgiveness as a reason to sin, but to give thanks unto our gracious God for Jesus' sake. Amen.

***ALL: Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing, bringing news of sins forgiv'n; Jesus comes in sounds of gladness, leading souls redeemed to heav'n. Alleluia! Alleluia! Now the gate of death is riv'n.***

**Scripture Readings:** Luke 1:26-38  
Galatians 4:4-7

**Confession of Faith:** Apostles' Creed, page 12

**Hymn 369:** "All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall"

**Midweek Sermon Series:** Eve - Cain - A birth of Impossible Hope  
Text: Genesis 3:15-16, 20; 4:1-2

### **OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS**

**HYMN 62:** "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

**ADVENT PRAYER            LORD'S PRAYER**  
**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN 554 (1, 5-6):** "Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow"

**SILENT PRAYER            ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU**  
A heartfelt welcome to all in the name of Jesus Christ. May our Advent

preparation lead us to worship and adore our Savior and King! Please come again next Wednesday as we continue our Advent worship of our coming Savior.

***ADVENT THEME:***  
**THREE IMPOSSIBLE BIRTHS.**

Dec 4 – A Birth of Impossible Hope (Pastor Mark Bernthal)

Dec 11 – A Birth of Impossible Laughter (Pastor David Ude)

Dec 18 – A Birth of Impossible Deliverance (Pastor Rob Sauers)

***Scripture Readings***

**Luke 1:26-38**

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name *was* Mary. 28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored *one*, the Lord *is* with you; blessed *are* you among women!" 29 But when she saw *him*, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. 32 "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 "And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." 34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" 35 And the angel answered and said to her, "*The* Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 "Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. 37 "For with God nothing will be impossible." 38 Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

**Galatians 4:4-7**

But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those

who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

***Sermon Text:***

**Genesis 3:15-16, 20; 4:1-2**

And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel." 16 To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire *shall be* for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living.

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the LORD." Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.