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ADVENT WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN(tan supplement) 702

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

[Brief musical introduction]

♪ Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

PSALM OF INTROSPECTIONPsalm 119:132-136

P: Look upon me and be merciful to me,
C: **As Your custom is toward those who love Your name.**
P: Direct my steps by Your word,
C: **And let no iniquity have dominion over me.**
P: Redeem me from the oppression of man,
C: **That I may keep Your precepts.**
P: Make Your face shine upon Your servant,
C: **And teach me Your statutes.**
P: Rivers of water run down from my eyes,
C: **Because men do not keep Your law.**

GOSPEL PROMISEJeremiah 23:5-6

P: "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord,
"That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness;
A King shall reign and prosper,
And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.
In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely;
Now this is His name by which He will be called:

[Brief musical introduction]

♪ Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let every heart prepare a throne
And every voice a song.
He comes the prisoners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.
He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor.

ADVENT HISTORY READING*Luke 1:57-80*

A CONFESSION OF FAITH *by Martin Luther*

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true.

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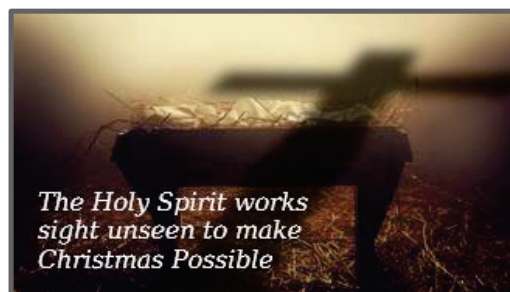
ADVENT THEME

***“The Holy Spirit works sight unseen
to make Christmas Possible.”***

Dec. 2: Verbal inspiration of the Bible: The Holy Spirit accurately records and preserves the details about the Christ-child.

Dec. 9: The Incarnation of Jesus: the Holy Spirit conceives the Christ-child in the Virgin Mary’s womb.

Dec. 16: Conversion: The Holy Spirit uses the Gospel to place the Christ-Child in my heart



SERMON READING ...*John 14:16-17, 26, 15:26, 16:13-14*

^{14:16} And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever— ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. ... ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. ... ^{15:26} “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. ... ^{16:13} However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

Sermon Theme:

***Conversion: The Holy Spirit uses the Gospel
to place the Christ-Child in my heart***

[Brief musical introduction]

♪ Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for Thee.

My heart for very joy doth leap,
My lips no more can silence keep;
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue
That sweetest ancient cradle-song:

Glory to God in highest heaven,
Who unto us His Son hath given!
While angels sing with pious mirth
A glad new year to all the earth.

PRAYER – THE LORD’S PRAYER – BLESSING

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