

***Dawn of Salvation***  
***Luke 1:5-25***

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**Getting Started**

- ❖ What significant events happened the year you were born?
- ❖ Has anything happened in your life or the life of our nation within the last couple of years that you would consider a “complete surprise”?

**Key Ideas for Discussion**

1. The Faithful Remnant (v.5-10)
2. The Forerunner Announce (vs.11-17)
3. The Fearful Encounter (v.18-22)
4. The Fullness of God’s Grace (v.23-25)

Takeaway Truth: John points us to Jesus through whom our deepest reproach is taken away and our dignity is restored.

**Digging Deeper** (Read the sermon text again and discuss the following questions.)

- Why were Zechariah and Elizabeth considered righteous and upright?
- Why was childlessness such an impactful situation?
- Read Dan. 8:15-27. What similarities/differences do you see between Daniel’s/Zechariah’s interaction with Gabriel? What can we glean about angels from these passages?
- Why was this such a special day for Zechariah? What do you believe Zechariah was praying for when Gabriel appeared?
- What would John do with his life and why was this significant?
- How did Elizabeth receive the news? How was this different than Zechariah?
- How did God demonstrate in the lives of these two that He is still sovereign?

**Apply It!**

- ❖ When have you doubted the reality of God’s provision for you? Is this a temptation you commonly face? If so, how do you respond to it?
- ❖ On a scale of 1-10 (w/1 being low), how would you rate your expectation that God could do something amazing through your life?
- ❖ What long-term frustration can you identify in your life that needs to be entrusted to God?

**Think About It!**

*God never guarantees that life will come without pain and disappointment. The central issue is how we handle it. Bitterness will yield the fruit of anger and frustration, sapping the joy from life. Trust and dependence will cause us to find fulfillment in ways we would not even have considered otherwise. Sometimes a roadblock is not a dead end, but a fresh turn in the road.” (Darrel Bock)*

## WORSHIP RESOURCE

September 17, 2023 | 16th Sunday after Pentecost

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### WE CROWN YOU (ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME)

*Words by Edward Perronet, 1779 / Music by Oliver Holden, 1793*  
*Additional chorus by Paxson Jeancake, 2015*

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate, fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the Fall.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.

*We crown you, we crown you Lord of all. (2x)*

O that with yonder sacred throng, we at his feet may fall.  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

### PRAISE YOU ANYWHERE

*Words and Music by Ben Fielding, Brandon Lake, Hank Bentley, and Jacob Sooter, 2023*

Sometimes you've gotta dance through the darkness, sing through  
the fire, praise when it don't make sense. Sometimes you've gotta  
stare down the giant, worship from the lion's den.

Sometimes you've gotta shout it from the mountain, louder in the  
valley, trusting that He's gonna get you there. Sometimes you've  
gotta welcome the wonder, wait for the answer, worship with your  
hands in the air. I'll praise you anywhere.

*Praise, give Him praise, give Him praise in the highest.*  
*Praise, give Him praise, give Him praise in the highest.*  
*He is worthy. Yes, He is worthy of all of the praise.*

Sometimes you've gotta praise in the prison, cry out to heaven,  
shout it 'til the doors swing wide. Sometimes you've gotta stand on  
your shackles, brave in the battle, worship with your hand held high.  
I'll praise you anywhere.

Faithful all my life, blessing day and night, countless reasons why,  
I'll praise you anywhere. Every promise kept, goodness every step,  
each and every breath, I'll praise you anywhere.

### WAY MAKER

*Words and Music by Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu, 2016*

You here, moving in our midst; I worship You, I worship You.  
You are here, working in this place; I worship You, I worship You.

*You are Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper,*  
*Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are.*  
*That is who you are; that is who You are.*

You are here, turning lives around; I worship You, I worship You.  
You are here, healing every heart; I worship You, I worship You.

Even when I don't see it, You're working. Even when I don't feel it,  
You're working. You never stop, You never stop working;  
You never stop, Jesus.

### BEHOLD HIM

*Words and Music by Paul Baloche and Mitch Wong, 2019*

He who was before there was light, walked across the pages of time.  
He who made every living thing, behold Him.  
He who heard humanity's cry, left His throne to wake as a child.  
He became like the least of us, behold Him.

*Jesus, Son of God, Messiah, the Lamb, the roaring Lion.*  
*Oh, be still and behold Him. Jesus, Alpha and Omega,*  
*our God the risen Savior. Oh, be still and behold Him.*

He who dined with sinners and saints, healed the blind, the lost and  
the lame, even now He is in our midst. Behold Him.  
He who chose a criminal's end, paid with blood to settle our debt,  
buried death as He rose to life, behold Him.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty.  
Worthy, worthy, worthy to receive all praise.

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### DAILY READINGS | BOOK OF COMMON WORSHIP

SUNDAY | Ps. 19; 1 Kings 19:8-21; Acts 5:34-42; John 11:45-57  
MONDAY | Ps. 97; 1 Kings 21:1-16; 1 Cor. 1:1-19; Matt. 4:1-11  
TUESDAY | Ps. 86; 1 Kings 21:17-29; 1 Cor. 1:20-31; Matt. 4:12-17  
WEDNESDAY | Ps. 15; 1 Kings 22:1-28; 1 Cor. 2:1-13; Matt. 4:18-25  
THURSDAY | Ps. 36; 1 Kings 22:29-45; 1 Cor. 2:14-3:15; Matt. 5:1-10  
FRIDAY | Ps. 148; 2 Kings 1:2-17; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matt. 5:11-16  
SATURDAY | Ps. 111; 2 Kings 2:1-18; 1 Cor. 4:1-7; Matt. 5:17-20

### PRAYER OF RENEWAL

Sovereign God, help us to extend the same mercy and forgiveness to  
others that you have given us. By your grace may we not forget the  
kindness we have been shown, but offer Christ's love to our neigh-  
bors, our family members, and friends. Even when others do us harm,  
remind us of your sovereign care, for we know you are able to  
redeem our trials for our good and your glory. In the name of Jesus  
we pray. Amen.

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