

PROMISES KEPT

God Promises Blessing



Think about what life would be like without God's promises; there would be no Jesus, no hope, no salvation. God's promises are vital for us. With that in mind, as we prepare our hearts for the first coming of Jesus in grace and his second coming in glory, we will examine three specific promises of God and their New Testament fulfillments: Peace, Blessing, and a Throne. May God bless our Advent meditations.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,
the light no darkness can overcome.

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
and the day is almost over.

Be our light and scatter the darkness,
and hear our evening prayer and praise.

Hymn

313 Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

Luther's Evening Prayer

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Reading

Genesis 12:1–6

God promises to bless Abraham.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

107C Give Thanks unto the LORD our God



1 Give thanks un - to the LORD our God. How
2 Let God's re - deemed re - peat these words and
3 He gath - ered them from out the lands, from
4 Their wea - ry soul with - in them fairs when



good and kind is he, whose ten - der mer - cy
give him thanks and praise who res - cued them from
north, south, east, and west. They strayed in des - ert's
thirst and hun - ger press; in trou - ble then they



shall en - dure through all e - ter - ni - ty.
hos - tile hands, pre - served them all their days.
path - less way, no cit - y found to rest.
cried to God; he saved them from dis - tress.

5 He made the way before them straight, and he became their guide,
that they might to a city go and there in peace abide.

6 Let all the children of the LORD now praise him for his grace,
and for his works of wonder done in ev'ry time and place!

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Reading

Galatians 3:10–18

God's ultimate blessing comes through the gospel, not the law.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

334 I Stand beside Your Manger Here

Sermon

Stand

Song of Mary

CW 220

Please use the hymnal if this song is unfamiliar.

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed.**

**The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.
He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.**

**He has shown the strength of his arm;
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
and has lifted up the lowly.
He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.**

**He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise made to our fathers, to Abraham,
and to his children forever. Amen.**

Be seated

Connect Card

Offering

Stand

For the leaders of our synod and district, for all pastors in Christ, for all who are servants of the Church, and for all the people of God, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:
Lord, have mercy.

For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Let us praise the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Blessing

The grace of our Lord T Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Amen.

Hymn

784 Now the Light Has Gone Away

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