

**Savior of the Nations, Come LSB 332 (1-2)**

1. Savior of the nations, come,  
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.
2. Not by human flesh and blood,  
By the Spirit of our God,  
Was the Word of God made flesh  
Woman's offspring pure and fresh.

**The CONFESSION OF SINS**

*O Lord, open my lips,*

**And my mouth will declare your praise.** (Ps 51:15)

*Make haste, O God, to deliver me;*

**Make haste to help me, O Lord.** (Ps 70:1)

*In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.* (Mt 28:19)

*Our help is in the name of the Lord,*

**Who made heaven and earth.** (Ps 124:8)

*If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?*

**But with you there is forgiveness; therefore you are feared.** (Ps 130:3-4)

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have sinned against you in what we have done and in what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We deserve your present and eternal punishment but, in Christ, you have loved us with an everlasting love. For the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us and forgive us all our sins. By the Holy Spirit renew and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your light. Amen.** (1 John 1:8-9)

**Absolution** (John 20:19-23)

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3. Here a maid was found with child,  
Yet remained a virgin mild.  
In her womb this truth was shown:  
God was there upon His throne.
  
4. Then stepped forth the Lord of all  
From His pure and kingly hall;  
God of God, yet fully man,  
His heroic course began.

**2 Samuel 7:1–11 & 16** *The LORD'S Covenant with David*

Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, the king said to Nathan the prophet, “See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent.” And Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.” But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, “Go and tell my servant David, “Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” ’ Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel.

And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house... 16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever.’ ”

**Savior of the Nations, Come LSB 332 (5-6)**

5. God the Father was His source,  
Back to God He ran His course.  
Into hell His road went down,  
Back then to His throne and crown.

6. For You are the Father's son  
Who in flesh the vic'try won.  
By Your mighty pow'r make whole  
All our ills of flesh and soul.

### **Luke 1:26–38 Birth of Jesus Foretold**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.

He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

### **Savior of the Nations, Come LSB 332 (7-8)**

7. From the manger newborn light  
Shines in glory through the night.  
Darkness there no more resides;  
In this light faith now abides.
8. Glory to the Father sing,  
Glory to the Son, our king,  
Glory to the Spirit be  
Now and through eternity.

**Sermon – *Peace on Earth.***

**I Heard the Bells**

**Prayers**

**Benediction**

**Of the Father's Love Begotten**      **LSB 384**

1. Of the Father's love begotten  
Ere the worlds began to be,  
He is Alpha and Omega,  
He the source, the ending He,  
Of the things that are, that have been,  
And that future years shall see  
Evermore and evermore.
2. Oh, that birth forever blessed,  
When the virgin, full of grace,  
By the Holy Ghost conceiving,  
Bore the Savior of our race,  
And the babe, the world's Redeemer,  
First revealed His sacred face  
Evermore and evermore.
3. This is He whom seers in old time  
Chanted of with one accord,  
Whom the voices of the prophets  
Promised in their faithful word.  
Now He shines, the long expected;  
Let creation praise its Lord  
Evermore and evermore.
4. O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him;  
Angel hosts, His praises sing,  
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him  
And extol our God and King.  
Let no tongue on earth be silent,  
Ev'ry voice in concert ring  
Evermore and evermore.
5. Christ, to Thee, with God the Father,  
And, O Holy Ghost, to Thee  
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving  
And unending praises be,  
Honor, glory, and dominion,  
And eternal victory  
Evermore and evermore.