

Concordia Lutheran Conference

Daily Devotions

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for the

First Sunday in Advent

– Tuesday –

In thy Seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed. – Genesis 22:18

When God blesses a poor sinful man, I say, when He blesses, must not every curse vanish; must not all sin be forgiven, death becomes life, damnation be turned into salvation? Most certainly. Now, bearing in mind yesterday's meditation, listen to something of olden times. – Men had multiplied on earth. But nearly all had cast the prophecy of the Seed of Woman, the Savior, to the winds, and had become wicked. The doom of the Flood had come upon them. Noah only, and his family, had been spared. Even the descendants of Noah had soon become wicked. Then, about the year 2000 after the creation of man, God chose unto Himself Abraham, the descendant of Shem, the son of Noah. Out of Abraham's descendants He wanted to raise up a people unto Himself. To this people He desired to give His Word. Of this people, as concerning the flesh, the promised Savior should come. And He said to Abraham: "*In thy Seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed.*" The "*Seed*" of Abraham is a direct reference to Christ (Galatians 3:16). Though Christ, God's blessing was to come unto all men.

Now in our present day, Christ has come, and the blessing has come with Him. You know this, O Christian. Now bow before Christ in faith, O sinner, O poor and lost sinner, and receive His blessing, that every curse may be taken from you, your sins be forgiven you, death turned into life, and damnation into salvation. God wants to bless you. Do you not desire to be blessed?

PRAYER. – Yes, Lord, I indeed desire to be blessed, O my God. I bow down before Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, my Savior. Grant me Thy blessing. Make every curse vanish. Forgive me all my sins, turn death into life for me, grant me eternal life for Thine own sake. Perform unto me Thine old, unchanging promise. I know Thou wilt do it. I give thanks to Thee now for Thy blessing; and through Thy grace in Christ, I shall also give thanks to Thee for all eternity. Amen.

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Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the Fountain art,
Freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart,
Rise to all eternity.

Hymn 345, 5

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Theme: The Promise of His Coming