

## December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Sermon Bible Study (Advent 4)

### Sermon: Luke 1:39-55

<sup>39</sup>In those days Mary got up and hurried to the hill country, to a town of Judah. <sup>40</sup>She entered the home of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>Just as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup>She called out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup>But why am I so favored that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup>In fact, just now, as soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy! <sup>45</sup>Blessed is she who believed, because the promises spoken to her from the Lord will be fulfilled!" <sup>46</sup>Then Mary said, My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, <sup>47</sup>and my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior, <sup>48</sup>because he has looked with favor on the humble state of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed, <sup>49</sup>because the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. <sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. <sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm. He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their hearts. <sup>52</sup>He has brought down rulers from their thrones. He has lifted up the lowly. <sup>53</sup>He has filled the hungry with good things, but the rich he has sent away empty. <sup>54</sup>He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, remembering his mercy, <sup>55</sup>as he spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and his offspring forever.

### Theme: The Fulfillment Is Just Around the Corner

#### Link to Audio Sermon:

<http://www.christlutheranwestsalem.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/12-12-2021.mp3>

#### Sermon Study Guide

*Contemplate these questions during the sermon and feel free to write your thoughts in the blank spaces.*

1. God had made a promise to both Mary and Elizabeth. What was that promise? What would each of their children do?
2. God had made the promise to send a child into this world (the Messiah) long before he told Mary she would bear a child. When did God send that promise?
3. Why is Elizabeth, her son and Mary so overjoyed that they leap and sing for joy? Why was the child Mary carried so important?
4. God has made promises to us as well. What are some of those promises? How long must we wait until those promises are fulfilled?