**READING:** Exodus 20: 1- 17 – Luke 1: 57 - 80

**PSALTERS:**  151:1,5,6 – 400:3 – 448:1,2,4 – 124:1,2 – 394:1,2,3

**ZACHARIAS’ ADVENT SONG**

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Text: Luke 1: 67 – 70

1. The praises of the Lord
2. The work of the Lord
3. The faithfulness of the Lord

Firstly:

* Almost everything about the child of Zacharias and Elizabeth

was special.

* In spite of Zacharias’ unbelief, the Lord remained faithful to

His promise.

* Who by His gracious providence, Redemption unto us made

known.

* Zacharias sang the words we hear in the Psalms.

(Psalm 135: 21).

* The angels also sing the praises of God; they have exalted

Him from the time of their creation.

* Mary sang too. She sang God’s Word, inspired by the

Holy Spirit.

* Israel has always had a special place in the council of God.
* But a time of abundant blessing will come when Israel comes

to repentance.

Secondly:

* He hath visited and redeemed his people.
* Oh, how we should long for His coming, and His visiting.
* How much is spent for that which is not bread. (Isaiah 55:2).
* The word ‘redeemed’ in our text means to pay a ransom.
* Luther stated, “He is my righteousness, and I am His sin!”
* Rest and peace can be only found in Christ.
* A horn of salvation…..that means that He who holds this

name is an almighty Redeemer.

* God Himself has raised up the horn of salvation.
* He is raised up – an act of God, an irreversible act. Planned

from eternity, become reality in time. Preached in the Gospel.

Thirdly:

* David had received the promise that the Messiah would be

born from his descendants.

* The church of the Old Testament was an advent church,

which waited with expectation for the coming of Christ.

* “There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained

a lamp for mine Anointed. (Psalm 132: 17).

* He has come! God remembered His mercy, His truth to Israel.
* What did you do with the Word My prophets and My servants

brought you?