

**Scripture Reading – Luke1:68-79**

“Blessed be the God of Israel, for God has looked favorably on the people and redeemed them. God has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of the child David, as God spoke through the mouth of the holy prophets from of old, that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. Thus, God has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered the holy covenant, the oath sworn to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve God without fear, in holiness and righteousness in God’s presence all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before God to prepare the way, to give the people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”