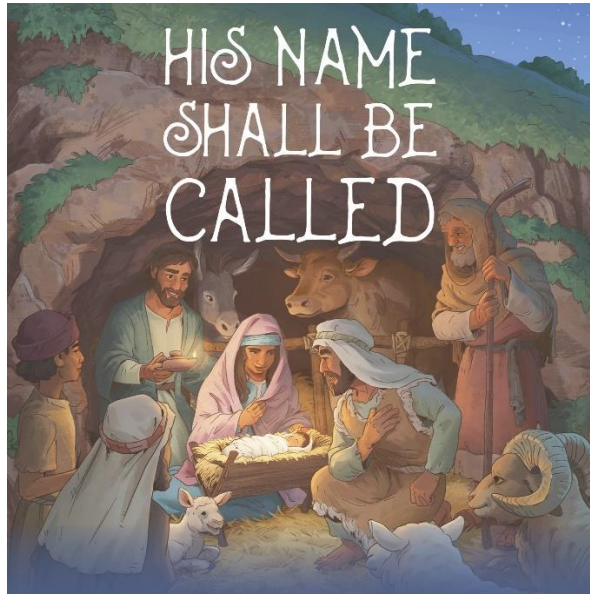


FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH

Missouri Synod



Advent Vespers

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

12:00 & 7:00 p.m.

MIGHTY GOD

During the season of Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of God’s Son, who was given the name *Jesus*—a Hebrew name that means “God saves.” However, in addition to His earthly name, Holy Scripture calls Jesus by various titles that describe something about His person or work. We will examine the four titles given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6—Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace—and will study how each of these titles describes something about *who* Jesus is and *what* He did for our salvation.

Today we consider the truth that Jesus was and is Immanuel, God among us, the mighty One in whom we may trust for all things here in time until we meet Him in eternity. Jesus is more than a mere human who was a great teacher or a popular hero. He was and is God in human flesh, and only God Himself can save us from sin, death, and the devil.

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HYMN – LSB 357 – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vv. 1 & 3)



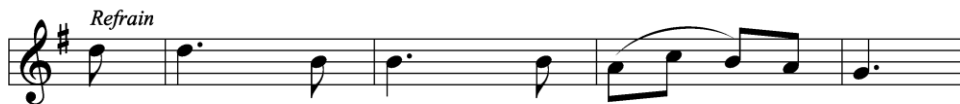
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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OPENING VERSICLES

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
- C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.

- L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- C** make haste to help me, O Lord.

- C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

✠ ✠ ✠ PSALMODY ✠ ✠ ✠

PSALM – Psalm 24; antiphon: v. 7
The congregation sings all.



Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.
The earth is the LORD's and the full- | ness thereof,*
the world and those who | dwell therein,
for He has founded it up- | on the seas*
and established it upon the | rivers.
Who shall ascend the hill | of the LORD?*And who shall stand in His | holy place?
He who has clean hands and a | pure heart,*
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear de- | ceitfully.
He will receive blessing | from the LORD*
and righteousness from the God of his sal- | vation.
Such is the generation of those who | seek Him,*
who seek the face of the God of | Jacob.
Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.
Who is this King of | glory?*The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in | battle!
Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.
Who is this King of | glory?*The LORD of hosts,
He is the King of | glory!
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.

SERIES HYMN – LSB 412 – The People That in Darkness Sat



1 The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat A glo - rious
 2 To hail Thee, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, The gath - 'ring
 3 To us a Child of hope is born, To us a
 4 His name shall be the Prince of Peace, The Ev - er -



light have seen; The light has shined on them who long In
 na - tions come; They joy as when the reap - ers bear Their
 Son is giv'n, And on His shoul - der ev - er rests All
 last - ing Lord, The Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, The



shades of death have been, In shades of death have been.
 har - vest trea - sures home, Their har - vest trea - sures home.
 pow'r in earth and heav'n, All pow'r in earth and heav'n.
 God by all a - dored, The God by all a - dored.

5 His righteous government and pow'r
 Shall over all extend;
 On judgment and on justice based,
 His reign shall have no end,
 His reign shall have no end.

△ 6 Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,
 And make us Thine alone,
 Who with the Father ever art
 And Holy Spirit, one,
 And Holy Spirit, one.

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✠ ✠ ✠ READINGS ✠ ✠ ✠

FIRST READING – *Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7*

P A reading from Isaiah, the ninth chapter.

¹But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time He brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time He has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.

⁶For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government shall be upon His shoulder,
and His name shall be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷Of the increase of His government and of peace
there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over His kingdom,
to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING – *Titus 2:11-14*

P A reading from Titus, the second chapter.

¹¹For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹²training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave Himself for us to redeem us from

all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THIRD READING – *John 5:16-18, 8:48-59*

P A reading from John, the fifth and eighth chapters.

¹⁶And this was why the Jews were persecuting Jesus, because He was doing these things on the Sabbath. ¹⁷But Jesus answered them, “My Father is working until now, and I am working.”

¹⁸This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill Him, because not only was He breaking the Sabbath, but He was even calling God His own Father, making Himself equal with God. . . .

⁴⁸The Jews answered Him, “Are we not right in saying that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?” ⁴⁹Jesus answered, “I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks it, and He is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word, he will never see death.” ⁵²The Jews said to Him, “Now we know that You have a demon! Abraham died, as did the prophets, yet You say, ‘If anyone keeps My word, he will never taste death.’ ⁵³Are You greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died! Who do You make Yourself out to be?” ⁵⁴Jesus answered, “If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father who glorifies Me, of whom you say, ‘He is our God.’ ⁵⁵But you have not known Him. I know Him. If I were to say that I do not know Him, I would be a liar like you, but I do know Him and I keep His word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham rejoiced that he would see My day. He saw it and was glad.” ⁵⁷So the Jews said to Him, “You are not yet fifty years old, and have You seen Abraham?” ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to You, before Abraham was, I am.” ⁵⁹So they picked up stones to throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple.

RESPONSORY FOR ADVENT

L Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

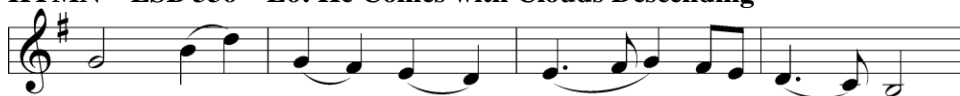
L In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.

C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

HYMN – LSB 336 – Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him
 3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,



Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;



Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



Swell the tri - umph of His train:
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.
 rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

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7pm – CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON – *Mighty God*

✠ ✠ ✠ CANTICLE ✠ ✠ ✠

ANTIPHON

- L** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
- C** and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

MAGNIFICAT – LSB 934



1 My soul now mag - ni - fies the Lord; My spir - it
 2 For He a - lone who shows such might Has done a -
 3 His arm is strong; His strength is great. He scat - ters
 4 He feeds the hun - gry as His own; The wealth - y



leaps for joy in Him. He keeps me in His kind re -
 maz - ing things to me. His mer - cy flows; His name like
 those of proud in - tent And casts them down from high es -
 leave with emp - ty hands. He gives His help to Is - ra -



gard, And I am blest for time to come.
 light Re - mains in time per - pet - ual - ly.
 tate, Then gives the low His nour - ish - ment.
 el; His gra - cious prom - ise al - ways stands.

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✠ ✠ ✠ PRAYER ✠ ✠ ✠

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C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

COLLECTS

- L** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C** And let my cry come to You.
(after each collect)
 - L** ... one God, now and forever.
 - C** Amen.

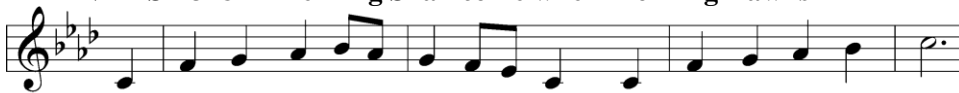
BENEDICAMUS

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

- L** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** Amen.

HYMN – LSB 348 – The King Shall come when Morning Dawns



1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light tri - um-phant breaks,
2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
3 Oh, bright-er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to-rious, rose
4 Oh, bright-er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a-wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn-ing sky.
And left the lone-some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen-dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo-ple pray: Come quick-ly, King of kings!

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SILENT PRAYER/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Advent & Christmas 2024

Wednesdays – December 4, 11, 18
Midweek Advent Fellowship & Worship:
12 Noon **Worship** · 12:30pm Meal
5:45pm Meal · 6:45pm Carols · 7pm* **Worship**

Wednesday, December 11 – 11:45am
Preschool Christmas Program *Preview*

Thursday, December 12 – 11:30am
Preschool Christmas Program

Sunday, December 15 – 10:30am*
Living Nativity

Christmas Eve – 5pm* & 7pm
Candlelight Worship

Christmas Day – 10am*
Worship with Holy Communion

New Year's Eve – 5pm*
Worship with Holy Communion

* Service will also be **livestreamed** on [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) (FaithBtownLCMS)
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