

Please rise



let us wor - ship Him.

come,



- P Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.
- C The unfolding of Your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.
- P I open my mouth and pant, because I long for Your commandments.
- C Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is Your way with those who love Your name.
- P Keep steady my steps according to Your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me.
- C Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep Your precepts.
- P Make Your face shine upon Your servant, and teach me Your statutes.
- C My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep Your law.
- 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.

Please be seated

HYMN

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

LSB 338

🕂 Readings 🕂

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:1-2, 6-7

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.

- R O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 11:32-36

³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that He may have mercy on all.

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

³⁴"For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been His counselor? ³⁵Or who has given a gift to Him that he might be repaid?"

³⁶For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 7:24-29

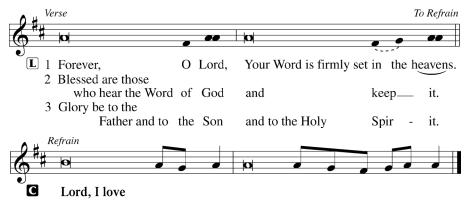
²⁴[Jesus said,] "Everyone then who hears these words of Mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

²⁸And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at His teaching, ²⁹for He was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

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- C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY

Psalm 119:89; 26:8; Luke 11:28



the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glo-ry dwells.

MESSAGE

Rev. Shawn Deterding

Please remain seated

+ Canticle +

TE DEUM ~ We Praise You, O God





OFFERING

+ Prayer +

Please rise

KYRIE Mark 10:47



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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

P The Lord be with you.

C And with Your spirit.

2 Timothy 4:22

P Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Shine into our hearts, O Lord, and illumine every part of our lives, so that we will be ready to rejoice at Your birth and be guiding lights for those who do not yet know Your saving grace and forgiveness; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Wonderful Counselor, we come to You, Lord Jesus, thankful that You have enlightened us with the counsel of Your wonderful gracious word of forgiveness for all our sins. Help us, we pray, as we interact with people who may be entrapped by their sin, not knowing Your full forgiveness, and unable to rejoice at the anniversary of Your birth. Wonderful Counselor, use us and all we have, to bring others to hear and believe the Good News; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICAMUS

Psalm 103:1



BENEDICTION 2 Corinthians 13:14

P The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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