

WATER OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH
MIDWEEK ADVENT VESPERS SERVICE
DECEMBER 11, 2024 ❄️ 7 PM

PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL ✠ SEEK THE THIRSTY ✠ TEACH THE WORD

HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED:

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.

Tonight 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.

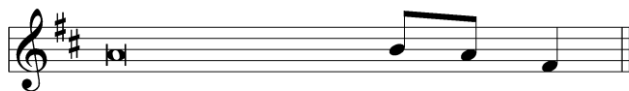


✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

OPENING VERSICLES *[L = Cantor / C = Congregation]*

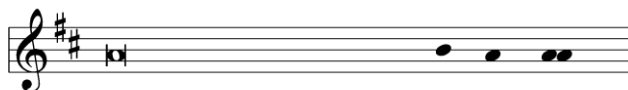


L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

Psalm 51:15



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.

Psalm 70:1



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

✠ Psalmody ✠

PSALM

Psalm 24; antiphon: v. 7

P Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

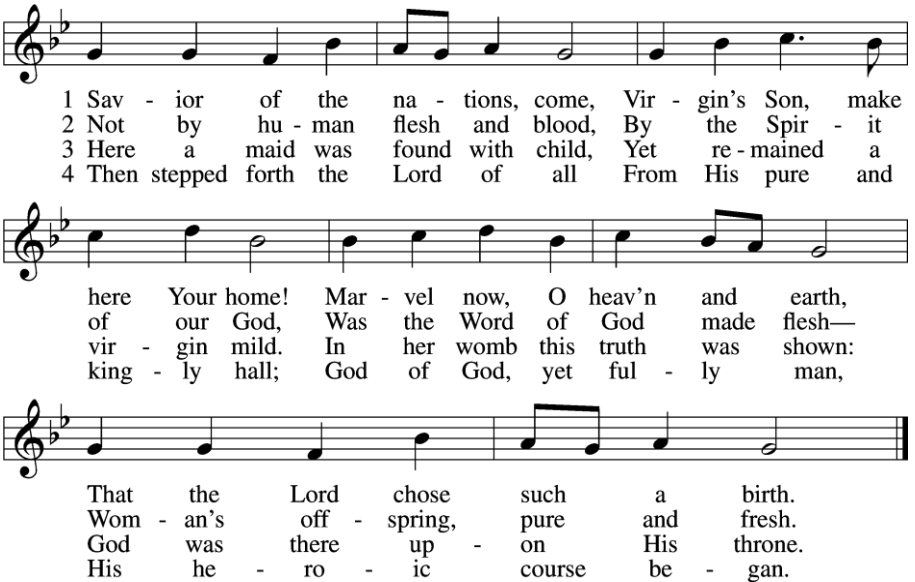
C The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,

- P For He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.
- C Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in His holy place?**
- P He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.
- C He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.**
- P Such is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.
- C Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**
- P Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!
- C Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**
- P Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!
- 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.**

HYMN

Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
 3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and

here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
 of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
 vir - gin mild. In her womb of this truth was shown:
 king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,

That the Lord chose such a birth.
 Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
 God was there up - on His throne.
 His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

- 5 God the Father was His source,
 Back to God He ran His course.
 Into hell His road went down,
 Back then to His throne and crown.
- 6 For You are the Father's Son
 Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
 By Your mighty pow'r make whole
 All our ills of flesh and soul.
- 7 From the manger newborn light
 Shines in glory through the night.
 Darkness there no more resides;
 In this light faith now abides.
- △ 8 Glory to the Father sing,
 Glory to the Son, our king,
 Glory to the Spirit be
 Now and through eternity.

✠ 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

Titus 2:11-14

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.

R O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 5:16-18; 8:48-59

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. ...

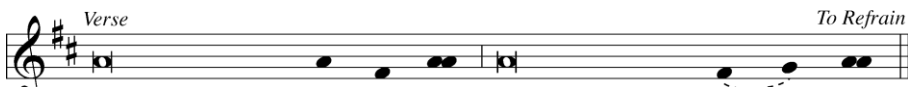
^{8:48}The Jews answered Him, "Are we not right in saying that You are a Samaritan and have a demon?" ⁴⁹Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon, but I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. ⁵⁰Yet I do not seek My own glory; there is One who seeks it, and He is the judge. ⁵¹Truly, truly, I say to you, if 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.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY

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



- L** 1 Behold, the days
are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise
up for David a righ-teous Branch.
2 In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will
dwell se - cure - ly.
3 Glory be to the
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



- C** This is the name
by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righ-teous-ness.

MESSAGE

Rev. Shawn Deterding

✠ Canticle ✠

P Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

C And the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Ps. 141:2

MAGNIFICAT ~ Song of Mary

I Left Side | **II** Right Side

Luke 1:46-55

P My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;

I For He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.

II For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

I For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy is His name;

II And His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

I He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the
imagination of their hearts.

II He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

I He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty
away.

II He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke
to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

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.**

OFFERING

✠ Prayer ✠

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 our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Open our eyes, heavenly Father, that we may see all that You have done. By coming in the person of Your Son and by His sacrifice for us, You have assured us that the worldly forces around us shall be a thing of the past when Your Spirit ushers us into Your eternal presence; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Mighty God, we come to You in faith, trusting that You were and are God in the flesh, our Immanuel. Strengthen all who are in distress from the worldly forces that surround them. Assure them of Your presence, strengthen their faith, and lead them to Your home above, where we may

all rejoice together in Your love and grace; 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



L Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

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.



C A - men.



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