



ADVENT MIDWEEK 2

DECEMBER 11, 2024

**congregation stands*

AS WE GATHER

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.

HYMN

JESUS! NAME OF WONDROUS LOVE

LSB 900, vs. 1, 2, 6

***INVOCATION**

- P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

***CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P Our Mighty God came into the flesh as one of us, and He knows our needs and weaknesses. Let us therefore confess our sins to our heavenly Father.
C **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**
P By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.
C **Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS COME

LSB 332, vs. 6, 8

OLD TESTAMENT

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.

C **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.**

P 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.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 24

- A 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 fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein,
C **for He has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.**
A Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in His holy place?
C **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.**
A He will receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
C **Such is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**
A Lift up your heads, O gates!
C **And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**
A Who is this King of glory?
C **The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**
A Lift up your heads, O gates!
C **And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**
A Who is this King of glory?
C **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 beginning, 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.**

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.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

*HOLY GOSPEL

John 5:16–18; 8:48–59

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifth chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*RESPONSORY FOR ADVENT

Jeremiah 23:5a, 6

- P 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.**
- P 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.**
- P 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.**

SERIES HYMN
SERMON

THE PEOPLE THAT IN DARKNESS SAT
HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED: MIGHTY GOD

LSB 412

OFFERING

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After our petitions:

- P Lord, in Your mercy,
C **hear our prayer.**

*LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

- C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

*LORD'S PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

HYMN THE KING SHALL COME WHEN MORNING DAWNS LSB 348

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Serving Our Lord

		December 11, 2024	December 18, 2024
Musician	6:30pm	Marsha Workman	Diane Streich
Cantor	6:30pm	Dave Workman	Andy Koch
Altar Guild	6:30pm	Nancy Strand and Sharon Drews	Nancy Strand and Sharon Drews
Elder	6:30pm	Bill Breitinger	Sam Erdman
Reader	6:30pm	Jon Peterson	Jon Peterson
Usher Team	6:30pm	Open	Jon Peterson
Acolyte	6:30pm	Open	Open
Projection	6:30pm	Jean Peterson	Jean Peterson
Live Stream	6:30pm	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Advent Meal	5:15pm	Men's Bible study	WoW Bible study