



**ADVENT MIDWEEK 1**

**DECEMBER 4, 2024**

*\*congregation stands*

## **AS WE GATHER**

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 how God rescues us from the cunning counsel of the devil and blesses us with the wonderful counsel of His Son, whose Word of truth sets us free from sin and its damning deception. Jesus is given the title Wonderful Counselor because His Word rescues us from the lies of the devil and our own self-deception and leads us into God’s wisdom, which results in our salvation.

**OPENING HYMN**

**ARISE AND SHINE IN SPLENDOR**

**LSB 396, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5**

## **\*INVOCATION**

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

## **\*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

- P We do not always bring our sins to God, confident that our Wonderful Counselor has forgiven them all. 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      JESUS! NAME OF WONDROUS LOVE      LSB 900, vs. 1, 2, 4, 5**

**OLD TESTAMENT**

*Isaiah 9:1–2, 6–7*

- A <sup>1</sup>But 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.
- and His name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**
- A <sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.
- A <sup>7</sup>Of 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.
- C <sup>6</sup>**For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon His  
shoulder,**
- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM**

*Psalms 119:129–136*

- A Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.
- C **The unfolding of Your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.**
- A 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.**
- A 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.**
- A 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.**

**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.**

**Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.**

**EPISTLE**

*Romans 11:32–36*

- <sup>32</sup>For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.
- <sup>33</sup>Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

<sup>34</sup>“For who has known the mind of the Lord,  
or who has been his counselor?”

<sup>35</sup>“Or who has given a gift to him  
that he might be repaid?”

<sup>36</sup>For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## \*HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 7:24–29*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventh chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. <sup>25</sup>And 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. <sup>26</sup>And 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. <sup>27</sup>And 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.”

<sup>28</sup>And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, <sup>29</sup>for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

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.**

## \*CATECHISM

*The Second Article*

P What does it mean that we believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord?

C **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.**

**SERIES HYMN                    THE PEOPLE THAT IN DARKNESS SAT                    LSB 412, vs. 1, 3–5**

**SERMON                    HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED: WONDERFUL COUNSELOR**

**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 TO DEPART                    COME, THOU PRECIOUS RANSOM, COME                    LSB 350, vs. 1, 2, 4**

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### Serving Our Lord

		December 4, 2024	December 11, 2024
Musician	6:30pm	Diane Streich	Marsha Workman
Cantor	6:30pm	Andy Koch	Dave Workman
Altar Guild	6:30pm	Nancy Strand and Sharon Drews	Nancy Strand and Sharon Drews
Elder	6:30pm	Andy Olson	Bill Breitinger
Reader	6:30pm	Dan Schield	Andy Olson
Usher Team	6:30pm	Ben Swenson	Andy Olson
Acolyte	6:30pm	Open	Open
Projection	6:30pm	Ben Swenson	Open
Live Stream	6:30pm	Jim Nicklas	Jim Nicklas
Advent Meal	5:15pm	Church Council	Open - volunteer today!