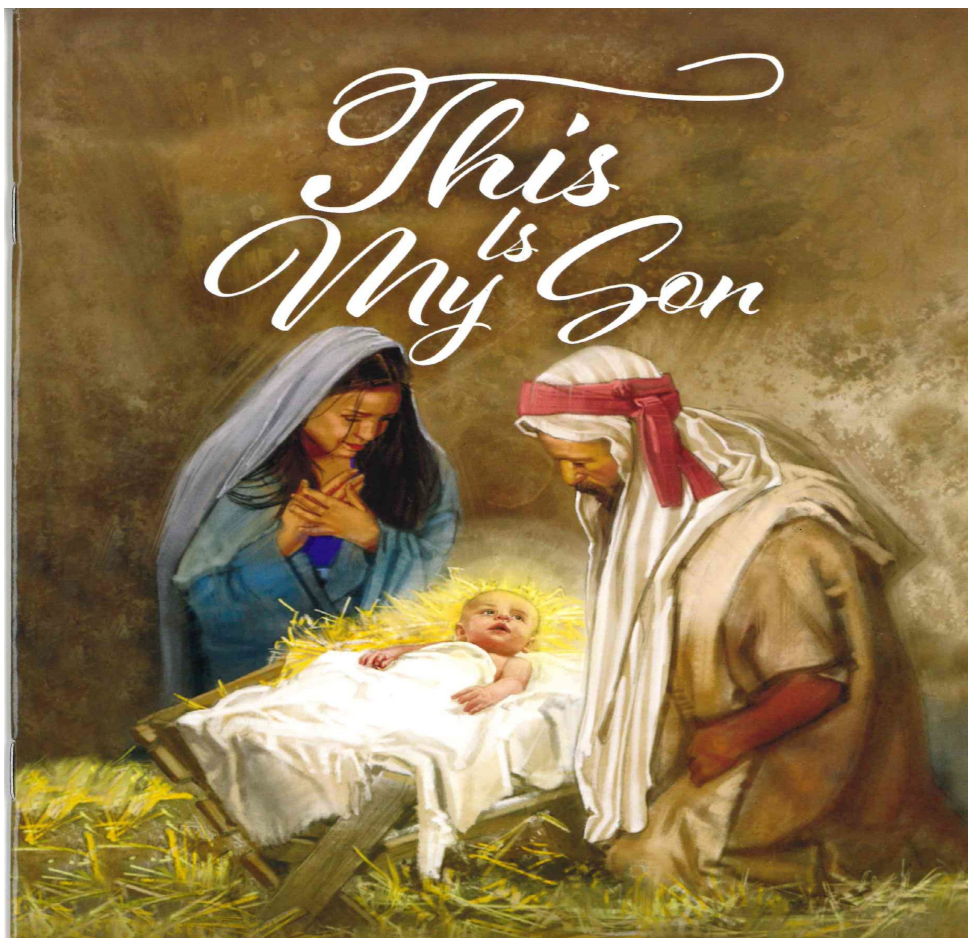


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“This is My Son
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Midweek Advent Service # 3 Wednesday, December 14, 2022 “This Is My Son Absalom”

Welcome And Announcements

Midweek Advent #3 Theme: Absalom

Who is the son of David? Just like Adam and Eve and Abram and Sarai, so also David received a promise from God. The Lord's promise for King David was that his house and kingdom would be established forever. But this promise seems to be in jeopardy when David's son Absalom rebels against his own father. In the end, however, this disobedient prince dies, hanging from a tree. Yes, God would indeed establish David's reign, but it would be through Jesus, the greater Son, who is obedient to the will of His Father in heaven. This Prince of Peace dies by hanging nailed to the tree of the cross so we can be restored as sons and daughters of the King of kings.

Opening Sharing of the Peace

[P] The Peace of the Lord be with you always
[C] and also with you

P As a sign of the reconciliation and the unity of peace we have by faith, please take a moment and share that Peace of Christ with your fellow worshipers with a wave of your hand from where you sit

331 The Advent of Our King

sts. 1–3

(A Lamb of God Favorite)



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
 2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
 3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
 Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
 Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.

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Please stand as you are able

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalms 146:3–5

P Put not your trust in princes,

C in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

P When his breath departs

C he returns to the earth;

P on that very day

C his plans perish.

P Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

C whose hope is in the LORD his God.

Service of Light

P The Sprit and the Church cry out:

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P All those who await His appearance pray:

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P The whole creation pleads:

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Awaiting the Son of Man and the Son of God, we implore:

C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

331 The Advent of Our King

sts. 4–6

(A Lamb of God Favorite)



4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain
5 Be - fore the dawn - ing day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
△ 6 All glo - ry to the Son, Who comes to set us free,



And His true mem-bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.
The sin - ful self be put a - way, The new self now put on.
With Fa - ther, Spir - it, ev - er one Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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Prayer of the Day

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who allowed Your only begotten Son to die on the tree of the cross that we might be redeemed and adopted sons and daughters of the King of kings. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Lesson:

2 Samuel 18:24-33

P A reading from Second Samuel, the eighteenth chapter.

²⁴Now David was sitting between the two gates, and the watchman went up to the roof of the gate by the wall, and when he lifted up his eyes and looked, he saw a man running alone. ²⁵The watchman called out and told the king. And the king said, “If he is alone, there is news in his mouth.” And he drew nearer and nearer. ²⁶The watchman saw another man running. And the watchman called to the gate and said, “See, another man running alone!” The king said, “He also brings news.” ²⁷The watchman said, “I think the running of the first is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok.” And the king said, “He is a good man and comes with good news.”

²⁸Then Ahimaaz cried out to the king, “All is well.” And he bowed before the king with his face to the earth and said, “Blessed be the LORD your God, who has delivered up the men who raised their hand against my lord the king.”

²⁹And the king said, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” Ahimaaz answered, “When Joab sent the king’s servant, your servant, I saw a great commotion, but I do not know what it was.”

³⁰And the king said, “Turn aside and stand here.” So he turned aside and stood still.

³¹And behold, the Cushite came, and the Cushite said, “Good news for my lord the king! For the LORD has delivered you this day from the hand of all who rose up against you.” ³²The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” And the Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up against you for evil be like that young man.” ³³ And the king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept. And as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson:

Ephesians 5:1-10

P A reading from Ephesians, the fifth chapter.

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with

empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Therefore do not associate with them; ⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 22:41-46

P A reading from Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

⁴¹Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, ⁴²saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” ⁴³He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴“The Lord said to my Lord,
Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet’?”

⁴⁵If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” ⁴⁶And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Readings Response

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Please be seated

616 Baptismal Waters Cover Me

sts. 1-3



1 Bap - tis - mal wa - ters cov - er me As I ap -
2 I look to Christ up - on the tree, His bod - y
3 Lord, may Your wound - ed hand im - part Your heal - ing



proach on bend - ed knee; My Fa - ther's mer - cy
bro - ken there for me; I lay be - fore Him
to my bro - ken heart; Your love a - lone can



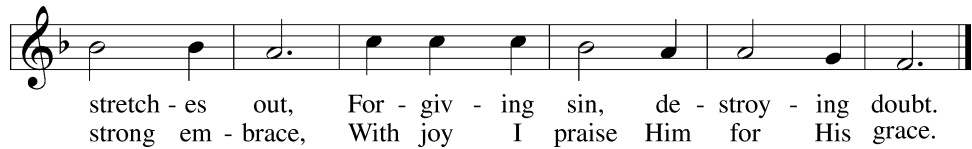
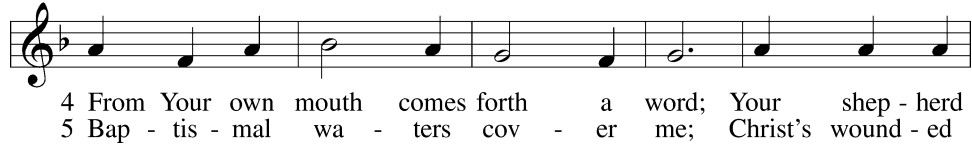
here I plead, For griev - ous sins of thought and deed.
all my sin, My dark - est se - crets from with - in.
form in me A heart that serves You joy - ful - ly.

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Sermon: 2 Samuel 18:31-33 "This is My Son: Absalom"

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Catechetical Instruction: The Third Article

Sanctification

C I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

P *What does this mean?*

☐ I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers.

On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.
This is most certainly true.

Offering and Prayers

Offering Statement

☐ We do not pass the offering plate here at Lamb of God. If you are a visitor, we don't want you to feel obligated to give an offering, we are just glad that you have joined us for worship this day. Those who would like to give an offering may drop it off in the Offering Box in the Narthex, the box across from the Church Office, mail their Offering Envelope in, or use our online giving portal from our website.

Please stand as able

805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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Please be seated

Prayer Requests are Collected from the Congregation

Litany

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
C Lord, have mercy.

P For Matthew, our Synodical President, for David, our District President, for Todd, our Circuit Visitor, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For Joseph, our President and all who advise him, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all those on our Prayer List, as well as for these special prayer requests [*Prayers collected from the congregation*] . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

The prayers then continue:

- P** For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:
- C Alleluia.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- P** Rejoicing in the fellowship of the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:
- C To You, O Lord.**
- 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.**

Please stand as you are able



Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Benediction

Psalm 146:5

P Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

C whose hope is in the LORD his God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son,
and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.



878 Abide with Me

sts. 1–3, 6



1 A - bidē with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 I need Thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
 3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
 6 Hold Thou Thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bidē.
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
 But kind and good, with heal - ing in Thy wings;
 Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 Who like Thy - self my guide and stay can be?
 Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea.
 Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



Help of the help - less, O a - bidē with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, O a - bidē with me.
 Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bidē with me.
 In life, in death, O Lord, a - bidē with me.

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Closing Peace

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God

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Sermon

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Absalom

Son of David