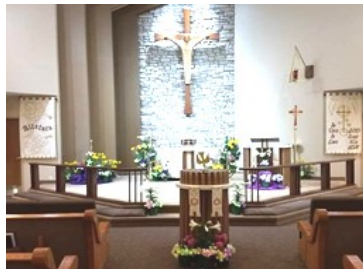
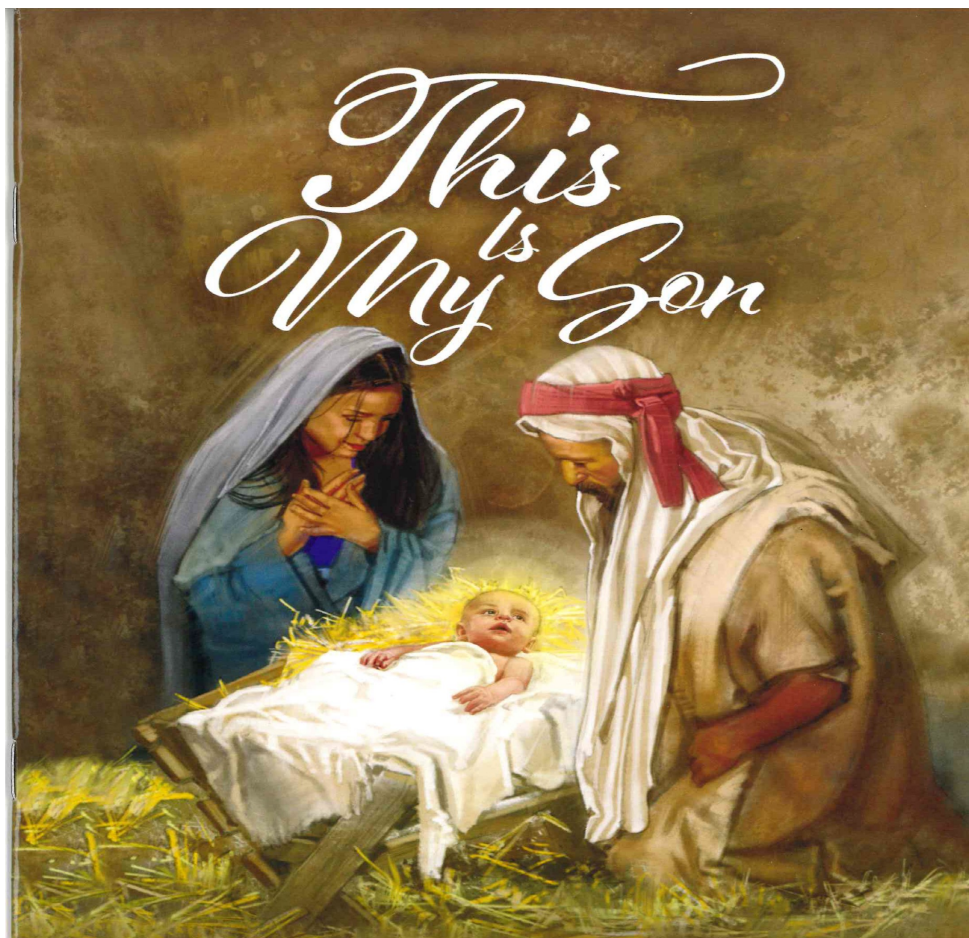


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Midweek Advent Service # 2 Wednesday, December 7, 2022 “This Is My Son Ishmael”

Welcome And Announcements

Midweek Advent #2 Theme:

Who is the son of Abraham? Like Adam and Eve before them, Abram and Sarai also received a promise from the Lord concerning their descendants. God pledged that Abram's offspring would be as numerous as the stars in the sky. But as this childless couple grew older, their patience with God's promise grew thinner. Having decided to take matters into their own hands, Abram has a son by Hagar, a servant who was not his wife. Yet, in His grace and mercy, God still fulfills the promise of another son, Isaac, born to impatient Abram and Sarai. Through him, in God's perfect timing, the Lord would finally send the true Son of Abraham, Jesus Christ, into the world.

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

354 Arise, O Christian People

sts. 1-2

1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre - pare your - selves to -
2 Pre - pare the way be - fore Him; Pre - pare for Him the
day; Pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, Who takes your
best. Cast out what would of - fend Him, This great, this
sins a - way. To us by grace a - lone The
heav'n - ly guest. Make straight, make plain the way: The
truth and light were giv - en; The prom - ised Lord from
low - ly val - leys rais - ing, The heights of pride a -
heav - en To all the world is shown.
bas - ing, His path all e - ven lay.

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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

Psalm 146:3–5

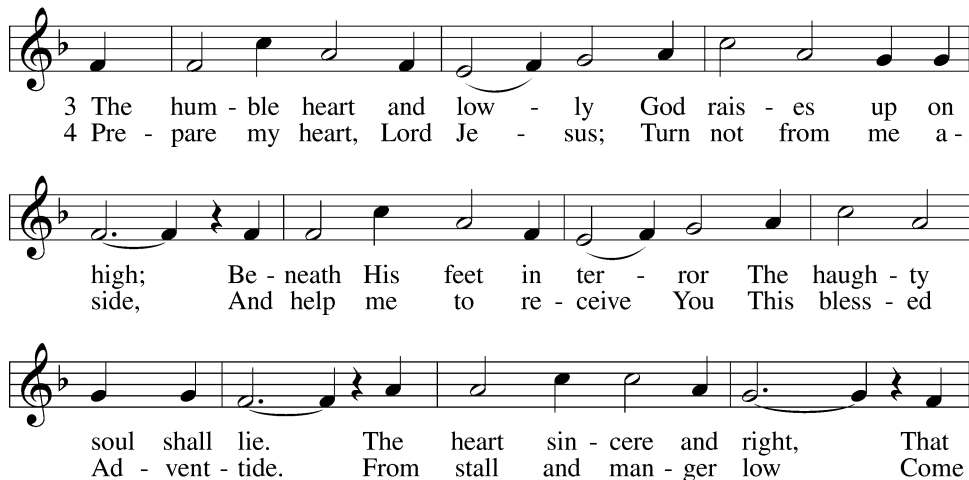
- P** Put not your trust in princes,
C **in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.**
P When his breath departs
C **he returns to the earth;**
P on that very day
C **his plans perish.**
P Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
C **whose hope is in the LORD his God.**

Service of Light

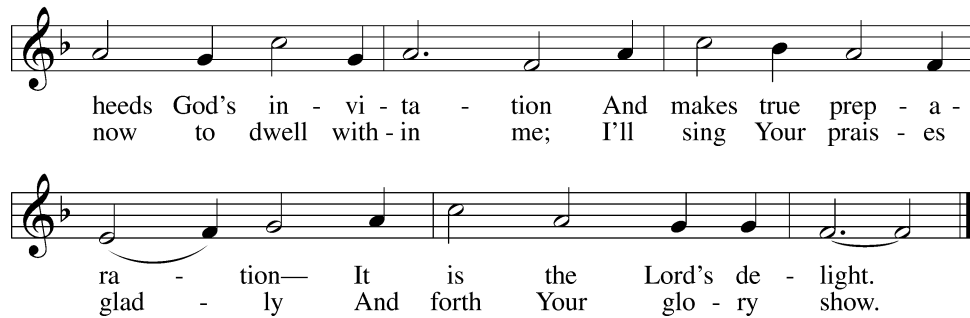
- P** The Sprit and the Church cry out:
C **Come, Lord Jesus.**
P All those who await His appearance pray:
C **Come, Lord Jesus.**
P The whole creation pleads:
C **Come, Lord Jesus.**
P Awaiting the Son of Man and the Son of God, we implore:
C **Come, Lord Jesus.**

354 Arise, O Christian People

sts. 3–4



3 The hum - ble heart and low - ly God rais - es up on
4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; Turn not from me a -
high; Be - neath His feet in ter - ror The haugh - ty
side, And help me to re - ceive You This bless - ed
soul shall lie. The heart sin - cere and right, That
Ad - vent - tide. From stall and man - ger low Come



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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 in spite of the impatience of Abram and Sarai still graciously kept Your promise to them of a son and countless descendants. 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



Service of the Word

Old Testament Lesson:

Genesis 16:1-16

[P] A reading from Genesis, the sixteenth chapter.

¹Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. ²And Sarai said to Abram, "Behold now, the LORD has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. ³So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife. ⁴And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. ⁵And Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my servant to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the LORD judge between you and me!" ⁶But Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, your servant is in your power; do to her as you please." Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her.

⁷The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. ⁸And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai." ⁹The angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress and submit to her." ¹⁰The angel of the LORD also said to her, "I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude." ¹¹And the angel of the LORD said to her,

"Behold, you are pregnant
and shall bear a son.
You shall call his name Ishmael,

because the LORD has listened to your affliction.

¹²He shall be a wild donkey of a man,
his hand against everyone
and everyone's hand against him,
and he shall dwell over against all his kinsmen."

¹³So she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, "You are a God of seeing," for she said, "Truly here I have seen him who looks after me." ¹⁴Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered.

¹⁵And Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. ¹⁶Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson:

Galatians 4:21-5:1

P A reading from Galatians, the fourth and fifth chapters.

²¹Tell me, you who desire to be under the law, do you not listen to the law? ²²For it is written that Abraham had two sons, one by a slave woman and one by a free woman. ²³But the son of the slave was born according to the flesh, while the son of the free woman was born through promise. ²⁴Now this may be interpreted allegorically: these women are two covenants. One is from Mount Sinai, bearing children for slavery; she is Hagar. ²⁵Now Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia; she corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children. ²⁶But the Jerusalem above is free, and she is our mother. ²⁷For it is written,

“Rejoice, O barren one who does not bear;
break forth and cry aloud, you who are not in labor!
For the children of the desolate one will be more
than those of the one who has a husband.”

²⁸Now you, brothers, like Isaac, are children of promise. ²⁹But just as at that time he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, so also it is now. ³⁰But what does the Scripture say? “Cast out the slave woman and her son, for the son of the slave woman shall not inherit with the son of the free woman.” ³¹So, brothers, we are not children of the slave but of the free woman.

¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

Holy Gospel:

Luke 3:1-9

P A reading from Luke, the third chapter.

¹In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, ²during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁴As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
⁵Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall become straight,
and the rough places shall become level ways,
⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

⁷He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

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

719 I Leave All Things to God's Direction

sts. 1-2

1 I leave all things to God's di - rec - tion; He loves me
 2 God knows what must be done to save me; His love for

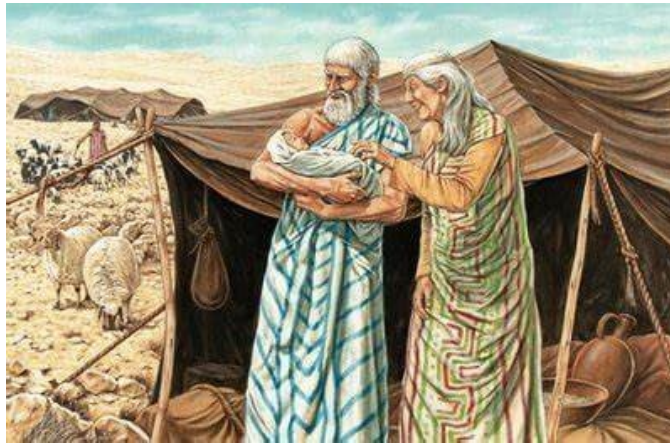
both in joy and woe. His will is good, sure His af -
 me will nev - er cease. Up - on His hands He did en -

fec - tion; His ten - der love is true, I know. My for - tress
 grave me With pur - est gold of lov - ing grace. His will su -

and my rock is He: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
 preme must ev - er be: What pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.

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Sermon: Genesis 17:16-19 "This is My Son, Ishmael"



719 I Leave All Things to God's Direction

sts. 3–4



3 My God de - sires the soul's sal - va - tion; My soul He,
4 My God has all things in His keep - ing; He is the

too, de - sires to save. There - fore with Chris - tian res - ig -
ev - er faith - ful friend. He gives me laugh - ter af - ter

na - tion All earth - ly trou - bles I will brave. His will be
weep - ing, And all His ways in bless - ings end. His love en -

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Apostle's Creed Catechesis:

The Second Article

Redemption

C And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P What does this mean?

☐ 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.

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 you are able

805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

△ 1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

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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, 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 . . . [*Prayer Requests from the congregation inserted here*] . . . 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.

C Amen

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.

914 Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten



1 Light of Light, O Sole - Be - got - ten Ra - diance of the
 2 Word e - ter - nal, through Your be - ing God cre - at - ed
 3 Still Your brood - ing Spir - it hov - ers O - ver cha - os,
 4 Come, Lord Je - sus, by Your Spir - it In our hearts Your



Fa - ther's face, Word made flesh, who lived a - mong us
 all we see, When the emp - ty spac - es ech - oed
 dark and deep, Call - ing out with in - vi - ta - tion:
 work be - gin, Bring the heal - ing res - to - ra - tion



Full of truth and full of grace, Shine up - on our
 With the Fa - ther's "Let there be . . ." Light and life burst
 "Rise, a - wak - en from your sleep; Christ the Lord will
 Of Your im - age lost by sin; From Your full - ness



hu - man dark - ness; Pierce the night that shrouds our race.
 from the glo - rious Pow - er of Your maj - es - ty!
 shine up - on you And from death your soul shall keep."
 all re - ceiv - ing Grace on grace, new life with - in!

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Closing Peace

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God

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