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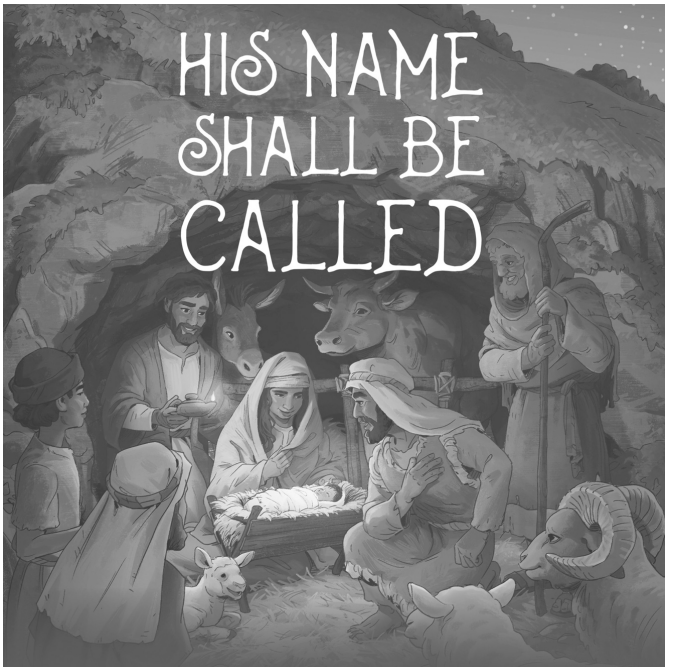

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Theme

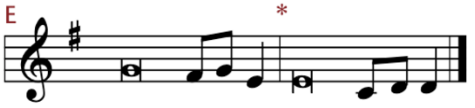
WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

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.

Today 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.

Evening Prayer

Service of Light	(LSB 243)
Phos Hilaron – Hymn of Light	(LSB 244)
Thanksgiving For Light	(LSB 245)
Psalm 141	(LSB 245-246)
Prayer	(LSB 247)

Psalm ***Psalm 119:129–136; antiphon: v. 129***

Your testimonies are | wonderful;*
therefore my soul | keeps them.
The unfolding of Your | words gives light;*
it imparts understanding to the | simple.
I open my | mouth and pant,*
because I long for Your com- | mandments.
Turn to me and be gra- | cious to me,*
as is Your way with those who | love Your name.
Keep steady my steps according to Your | promise,*
and let no iniquity get dominion | over me.
Redeem me from man's op- | pression,*
that I may keep Your | precepts.
Make Your face shine upon Your | servant,*
and teach me Your | statutes.
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 be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Your testimonies are | wonderful;*
therefore my soul | keeps them.

Office Hymn **The People That in Darkness Sat (LSB 412)**

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1–2, 6–7

[1] 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.
[2] 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.
[6]For 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.
[7]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.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Reading: Romans 11:32–36

[32]For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.
[33]Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!
[34]"For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?"
[35]"Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?"
[36]For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Reading: Matthew 7:24–29

[24]"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. [25]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. [26]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. [27]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."
[28]And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, [29]for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Final Reading Response *Hebrews 1:1–2a*
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.**

Responsory for Advent

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.**

Advent Catechesis ***Luther's Small Catechism, The Second Article – Part 1***

P I believe in Jesus Christ, [God's] only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary.
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.**

Sermon Hymn **O Lord, How Shall I Meet You (LSB 334)**

Sermon **"Wonderful Counselor"**

Magnificat **(LSB 248)**

Offering

Prayer – Litany **(LSB 249-251)**

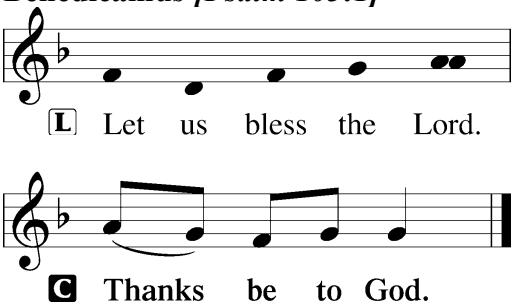
Collect for Peace **(LSB 251)**

Lord's Prayer **(LSB 251)**

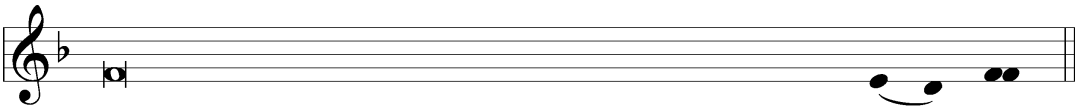
P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

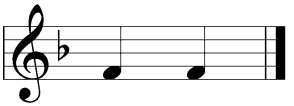
C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Benedicamus ***[Psalm 103:1]***



Benediction



P The almighty and merciful Lord,
the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and pre - serve you.

C **A - men.**

Closing Hymn **The Advent of Our King (LSB 331)**