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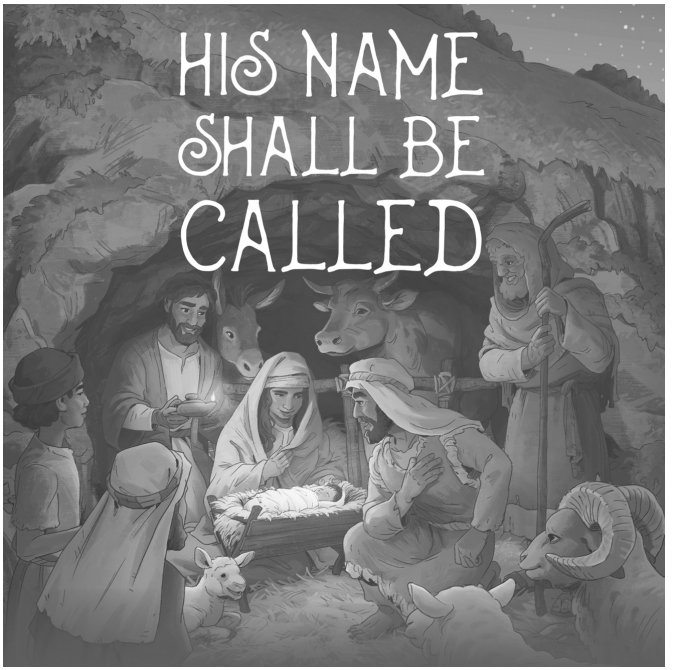

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Theme

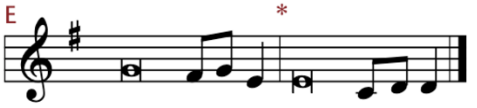
MIGHTY GOD

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 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.

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 24; antiphon: verse 7***

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 full- | ness thereof,*
the world and those who | dwell therein,
for He has founded it up- | on the seas*
and established it upon the | rivers.
Who shall ascend the hill | of the LORD?*
And who shall stand in His | holy place?
He who has clean hands and a | pure heart,*
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear de- | ceitfully.
He will receive blessing | from the LORD*
and righteousness from the God of his sal- | vation.
Such is the generation of those who | seek Him,*
who seek the face of the God of | Jacob.
Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.
Who is this King of | glory?*
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in | battle!
Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O | ancient doors,*
that the King of glory | may come in.
Who is this King of | glory?*
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 be- | ginning,*
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.

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

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1–2, 6–7

℗ A reading from Isaiah, chapter 9.

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.
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.
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.

℗ O Lord, have mercy on us.

ℂ **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Titus 2:11–14

P A reading from Titus, chapter 2.

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.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Third Reading: John 5:16–18; 8:48–59

P A reading from John, chapter 5.

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." [57]So the Jews said to him, "You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham?" [58]Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am." [59]So they picked up stones to throw at him, but Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.

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 2***

P [Jesus Christ] suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
C [**He**] **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.**

Sermon Hymn **Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates (LSB 341)**

Sermon **"Mighty God"**

Magnificat **(LSB 248)**

Offering

Special Music **"Advent Echo Carol"** **POP Choir**

Prayer – Litany **(LSB 249-251)**

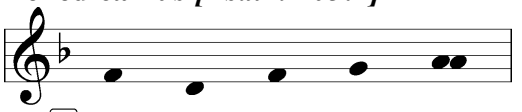
Collect for Peace **(LSB 251)**

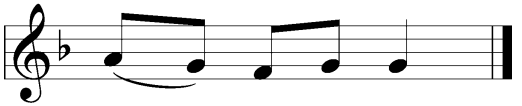
Lord's Prayer **(LSB 251)**

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

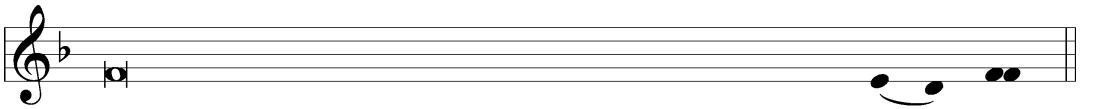
C **Our Father who art in heaven,**
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is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

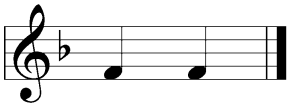
Benedicamus ***[Psalm 103:1]***



L Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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 **On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry (LSB 344)**