



ADVENT MIDWEEK 3

DECEMBER 14, 2022

**congregation stands*

AS WE GATHER

Who is Jesus? Jesus is the Son of **Solomon**. And what does Solomon teach us? It's easy as pie to begin. It's tougher than nails to finish.

HYMN

LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

LSB 341, vs. 1–4

***INVOCATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

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

C **Amen.**

P Jesus is the Son of David.

C **Our coming King!**

P Jesus is the Son of Abraham.

C **Our sacrifice for sin!**

P Jesus is the Son of Solomon.

C **He finished for us!**

P Jesus is the Son of Mary.

C **Immanuel—God with us!**

P Jesus is the Son of Sinners.

C **He forever loves us!**

P Let us worship Jesus!

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**
- P Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C **Amen**

***HYMN** **LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES** **LSB 341, vs. 5**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C **And also with you.**
- P Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, we implore you to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by your gracious visitation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 11:1–11

¹Now King Solomon loved many foreign women, along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women, ²from the nations concerning which the LORD had said to the people of Israel, "You shall not enter into marriage with them, neither shall they with you, for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods." Solomon clung to these in love. ³He had 700 wives, princesses, and 300 concubines. And his wives turned away his heart. ⁴For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father. ⁵For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. ⁶So Solomon did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and did not wholly follow the LORD, as David his father had done. ⁷Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Molech the abomination of the Ammonites, on the mountain east of Jerusalem. ⁸And so he did for all his foreign wives, who made offerings and sacrificed to their gods. ⁹And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart had turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice ¹⁰and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods. But he did not keep what the LORD commanded. ¹¹Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, "Since this has been your practice and you have not kept my covenant and my statutes that I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you and will give it to your servant.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

2 Timothy 4:6–8

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM THE KING SHALL COME WHEN MORNING DAWNS MEN'S CHOIR

*GOSPEL READING

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 12th Chapter.
C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

³⁸Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you." ³⁹But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. ⁴¹The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. ⁴²The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*APOSTLES' CREED

SERMON JESUS IS THE SON OF SOLOMON (MATTHEW 1:6)

FOR NEXT WEEK

For next week read Matthew 1:18–25 and answer these questions:

1. What are the two names of our Lord in this reading? What do they mean?
2. What do these names teach you about your greatest needs?
3. Who can you share Jesus and Immanuel with this week?

HYMN OF RESPONSE COME YOUR HEARTS AND VOICES RAISING LSB 375

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

P We believe that the good work you began in us

C **You will finish on the day of Christ Jesus.** (based upon Philippians 1:6.)

*LORD'S PRAYER

*BENEDICTION

P Because Jesus says, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

C **We will go and make disciples of all nations—**

P Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **And teaching them to obey everything he has commanded us.**

P And surely Christ is with us always—

C **To the very end of the age!**

HYMN TO DEPART

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

LSB 370

SILENT PRAYER

Jesus, empower me to fight the good fight, finish the course and keep the faith! Amen.

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Christmas Worship

December 24 | 3:30pm | Christmas Eve Family Worship

December 24 | 7:00pm | Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion

December 25 | 9:00am | Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion



Worship Sunday, January 1 | 9:00am

Note there is only one worship service Sunday, January 1, 9:00am. While there is no Sunday school, Pastor Lessing will be teaching Bible class at 10:00am that's suitable for any learner!



2023 calendars, Directories, Devotionals, Portals of Prayer, My Devotions

Stop by the narthex to take any items you can make use of. Share with a friend, too!