



ADVENT MIDWEEK 4

DECEMBER 21, 2022

**congregation stands*

THEME OF THE DAY

Who is Jesus? Jesus is the Son of Mary. Meaning what? With Jesus and Immanuel we are given all of God's love, grace and mercy!

*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!

HYMN ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY

LSB 344, sts. 1–4

*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**

ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY

LSB 344, vs. 5

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come among us with Your abiding presence. By the power of Your Spirit, direct our lives to expressions of repentant joy. Bless our devotion and our prayers, and lead us in ways of faithfulness as we await Your final coming in glory; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 7:1–14

¹In the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, son of Uzziah, king of Judah, Rezin the king of Syria and Pekah the son of Remaliah the king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to wage war against it, but could not yet mount an attack against it. ²When the house of David was told, "Syria is in league with Ephraim," the heart of Ahaz and the heart of his people shook as the trees of the forest shake before the wind.

³And the LORD said to Isaiah, "Go out to meet Ahaz, you and Shear-jashub your son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool on the highway to the Washer's Field. ⁴And say to him, 'Be careful, be quiet, do not fear, and do not let your heart be faint because of these two smoldering stumps of firebrands, at the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria and the son of Remaliah. ⁵Because Syria, with Ephraim and the son of Remaliah, has devised evil against you, saying, ⁶'Let us go up against Judah and terrify it, and let us conquer it for ourselves, and set up the son of Tabeel as king in the midst of it,' ⁷thus says the Lord GOD:

"It shall not stand,
and it shall not come to pass.

⁸For the head of Syria is Damascus,
and the head of Damascus is Rezin.

(Within sixty-five years Ephraim will be broken to pieces so that it will no longer be a people.)

⁹"And the head of Ephraim is Samaria,
and the head of Samaria is the son of Remaliah.

If you are not firm in faith,
you will not be firm at all."

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹"Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven." ¹²But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test." ¹³And he said, "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Galatians 4:4-6

⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE FROM THE MESSIAH

GEORGE F. HANDEL

Ryan Kroonblawd, Soloist

*GOSPEL READING

Matthew 1:18-25

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the first chapter.

C **GloryYou, O Lord.**

¹The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

²Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, ³and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Ram, ⁴and Ram the father of Amminadab, and Amminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶and Jesse the father of David the king.

And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, ⁷and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, ⁸and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, ⁹and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, ¹¹and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon.

¹²And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Shealtiel, and Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, ¹⁵and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ.

¹⁷So all the generations from Abraham to David were fourteen generations, and from David to the deportation to Babylon fourteen generations, and from the deportation to Babylon to the Christ fourteen generations.

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ**

*APOSTLES' CREED

SERMON **JESUS IS THE SON OF MARY** **(MATTHEW 1:18-25)**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY** **LSB 367**

OFFERING

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*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

After each petition:

P We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Immanuel.

C **Complete our story and make us whole.**

*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 **ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH** **LSB 368**

SILENT PRAYER

Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit, I invite Mary's Son—Jesus and Immanuel—into my heart and my home now and forevermore. In Christ's holy name I pray. Amen.

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Christmas and January 1 Worship

December 24	3:30pm	Christmas Eve Family Worship
December 24	7:00*pm	Christmas Eve Worship with Holy Communion
December 25	9:00*am	Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion
January 1	9:00*am	Sunday Worship with Holy Communion
January 1	10:00am	Bible class taught by Pastor Lessing

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