

Who is Jesus?

Jesus is the Son of Abraham

ADVENT MIDWEEK 2

DECEMBER 7, 2022

**congregation stands*

AS WE GATHER

Who is Abraham's famous son? That would be Isaac. With Abraham and Isaac we see Jesus—the Son of Abraham and our Son of Sacrifice.

***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

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME

LSB 322, vs. 1–5

*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

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS COME

LSB 332, vs. 6–8

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 22:1–14

¹After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ²He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." ³So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar. ⁵Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you." ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together. ⁷And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here am I, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

⁸Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.

⁹When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here am I." ¹²He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called the name of that place, "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 8:31–38

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,

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

MATTHEW 20:20–28

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twentieth chapter.
- C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

²⁰Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. ²¹And he said to her, “What do you want?” She said to him, “Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom.” ²²Jesus answered, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?” They said to him, “We are able.” ²³He said to them, “You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father.” ²⁴And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. ²⁵But Jesus called them to him and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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

*CREED

- P In the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed, echoing the proclamation of John the Baptist, we confess Jesus to be the Savior, the One who fulfills God's promises.
- C **I believe 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?

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,**

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.

SERMON WHO IS JESUS? JESUS IS THE SON OF ABRAHAM (MATTHEW 1:1) FOR NEXT WEEK

For next week read 1 Kings 11:1–10 and answer these questions:

Why do you think Solomon ended so badly?

What are your demons and devils, leading you to end badly?

What does it mean when Matthew writes that Jesus is greater than Solomon (Matthew 12:42)? How did Jesus end?

HYMN GOD LOVES ME DEARLY LSB 392

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P Lord, when we are tested

C **You will provide a way out.** (based upon 1 Corinthians 10:13)

***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—

ALL: To the very end of the age!

HYMN TO DEPART HARK THE GLAD SOUND LSB 349 SILENT PRAYER

Thank you Jesus, for being the Son of Abraham, our Son of Sacrifice—you will always provide for me when I am tested! Amen.

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