

*CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P Confident of receiving God's great mercy, let us confess together that we by nature are sinful and that through our thoughts, words, and deeds we have sinned against our God and deserve His punishment now and eternally.

C **Almighty God, we repent of our sins and ask for Your forgiving grace in our lives. Be merciful to us and for the sake of Jesus grant us remission of our sins so that, as Your redeemed people, we may greet you in Advent hope and with trusting hearts serve You in time and in eternity.**

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

*HYMN

THE ADVENT OF OUR KING

LSB 331, vs. 5–6

*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, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 23:1–6

¹“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD.

²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: “You have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil deeds, declares the LORD. ³Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing, declares the LORD.

⁵“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING

Romans 1:1–6

¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ²which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴and was declared to be the Son of God in power according

to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL

Matthew 1:1–17

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.

***APOSTLES' CREED** — *see inside back cover of the hymnal or projection screens*

SERMON WHO IS JESUS? JESUS IS THE SON OF DAVID (MATTHEW 1:1, 6, 17) FOR NEXT WEEK

For next week read Genesis 22:1–14 and answer these questions:

Why do you think God tested Abraham's faith? Why does God test our faith?

When God tested Abraham he provides a ram of sacrifice. What does God provide for you in your tests?

Jesus is the Son of Abraham (Matthew 1:1) because Jesus, like Abraham's son Isaac, is the Son of sacrifice.

What did Jesus sacrifice for you? What can you sacrifice for him?

HYMN

PREPARE THE ROYAL HIGHWAY

LSB 343

***PRAYERS**

After every petition:

P Lord, we will follow

C **For you are the King of kings and Lord of lords!** (based upon Revelation 19:16)

***LORD'S PRAYER**— *see inside back cover of the hymnal or projection screens*

***BENEDICTION (FROM MATTHEW 28:18-20)**

- 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 THE KING SHALL COME WHEN MORNING DAWNS LSB 348

SILENT PRAYER

King Jesus, I will follow you all the days of my life! Amen.

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Christmas Family Worship | Dec. 24 @ 3:30pm
Candlelight Worship with Holy Communion | Dec. 24 @ 7:00**pm
Christmas Day Worship with Holy Communion | Dec. 25 @ 9:00**am



Christmas Family Activities | Wed., Dec. 28 | 2:00-4:00pm

Through child-friendly stations, parents and children share in the joy of the season and in the truth of a King and Savior born for them. Bring the young ones in your life to this casual event!

Find the line-up of Christmas activities printed in the narthex or at trinityloneoak.org.