



MIDWEEK OF ADVENT

December 14, 2022



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ABSALOM

HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (*LSB* 357)

INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 146:3–5

P Put not your trust in princes,

C in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

P When his breath departs

C he returns to the earth;

P on that very day

C his plans perish.

P Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

C whose hope is in the LORD his God.

SERVICE OF LIGHT

P The Sprit and the Church cry out:

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P All those who await His appearance pray:

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P The whole creation pleads:

C Come, Lord Jesus.

P Awaiting the Son of Man and the Son of God, we implore:

C Come, Lord Jesus.

As the hymn is sung, the candles of the Advent wreath are lighted.

HYMN OF LIGHT

Lord, Jesus Christ, Be Present Now (*LSB* 902)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who allowed Your only begotten Son to die on the tree of the cross that we might be redeemed and adopted sons and daughters of the King of kings. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

PSALM 141

C **Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

P O Lord, I call to You; come to me quickly;
hear my voice when I cry to You.

C **Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.**

P Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord,
and guard the door of my lips.

C **Let not my heart incline to any evil thing;
let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.**

P But my eyes are turned to You, O God;
in You I take refuge.
Strip me not of my life.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 18:24–33

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:1–10

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

THIRD READING

Matthew 22:41–46

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

READINGS RESPONSE

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.

In This Precious Baby Boy

Lisa M. Clark

DIX
Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

1 In this pre-cious ba-by boy, We are giv-en
2 God's own chil-dren, we have strayed, Con-stant-ly have
3 Through this ba-by in the hay, God has giv-en

peace and joy. By the Spir-it, hope is won—
dis-o-beyed In the gar-den, in the sand,
us the Way To in-her-it life a-bove,

Mar-y bore the Fa-ther's Son. Son of God and
Through the riv-er, in the Land. But the Child who
Res-cued by His per-fect love. In this Child, we

Son of Man: He ful-fills the ho-ly plan.
takes our place Bears the cross to earn us grace.
all may be Chil-dren of e-ter-ni-ty.

LITANY

- P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:
- C** Lord, have mercy.

P For our Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, for all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our president, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

P For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For . . . [*additional bids for prayer*] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the faithful who have gone before us and are with Christ, let us give thanks to the Lord:

C Alleluia.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

P Rejoicing in the fellowship of the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C To You, O Lord.

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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.

HYMN

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (*LSB* 549)

SERMON

ABSALOM

Rev. Rich Balvanz

OFFERING

PRAYER

P During this season of Advent, we pray, “Come, Lord Jesus.” True Son
of Adam,

C come, Lord Jesus.

P True Son of Abraham,

C come, Lord Jesus.

P True Son of David,

C come, Lord Jesus.

P True Son of God,

C come, Lord Jesus.

P True Son of Man,

C come, Lord Jesus.

P That we might receive adoption as sons,

C come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Psalm 146:5

P Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

C whose hope is in the LORD his God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

HYMN

“Once in Royal David’s City” (*LSB* 376)

Come Celebrate Christmas With Us!

Family Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 21 5:15 PM

Midweek Advent Service

Wednesdays at 7:00 PM Dec 21

Christmas Eve Services

December 24 at 2:00 PM, 4:00 PM, 7:00 PM
(4:00 PM will be live-streamed)

Christmas Day Service

December 25 at 9:30 AM (one service w/communion)

New Year’s Day

January 1 at 9:30 AM (one service)