

## ADVENT MIDWEEK 3

December 17, 2025

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### OPENING SENTENCES     *Isaiah 7:14; Jeremiah 33:16*

Pastor:        The Lord Himself will give you a sign.

**People:        Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel.**

Pastor:        In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely.

**People:        And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”**

### INVOCATION

Pastor:        In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:        Amen.**

*Sit*

*During the hymn, the Advent candles may be lit.*

**HYMN** “*The Advent of Our King*” LSB #331 (Stand for last verse)

**PSALM**        *Psalms 85:1–4, 9–11; antiphon: v. 7*

Pastor:        Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,

**People:        and grant us Your salvation.**

Pastor:        Lord, You were favorable to Your land;

**People:        You restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

Pastor:        You forgave the iniquity of Your people;

**People:        You covered all their sin.**

Pastor: You withdrew all Your wrath;  
**People: You turned from Your hot anger.**

Pastor: Restore us again, O God of our salvation,  
**People: and put away Your indignation toward us!**

Pastor: Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,  
**People: that glory may dwell in our land.**

Pastor: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;  
**People: righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

Pastor: Faithfulness springs up from the ground,  
**People: and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

**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.**

Pastor: Show us Your steadfast love, O Lord,  
**People: and grant us Your salvation.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.  
O light of the nations, Your spectacular reign is the hope of all peoples. Grant us humble hearts to anticipate the second advent and preserve us for Your kingdom, that we might declare the praises of Jesus, our coming King, to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**People: Amen.**

*Sit*

#### **FIRST READING**     *Isaiah 61:1–4, 10–11*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

## **CATECHISM** *The Apostles' Creed*

Lector: The Third Article

**People:** I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Lector: What does this mean?

**People:** I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and deeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

## **SECOND READING** *Matthew 24:29-35*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN** *"Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment" LSB #511*

## **SERMON**

**MAGNIFICAT** *"Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord" LSB #935*

## **PRAYERS**

Lector: Son of David and Son of God, You rightfully rule over all things. Our days and deeds belong to You, and we turn to You for guidance, joyfully surrendering our burdens and submitting to Your gracious will. So just as John celebrated at the sound of Your presence, we, too, rejoice that our Immanuel is with us to hear our prayers and answer us in mercy.

O promised Son of Adam, from the beginning, You have held humanity in the hope of evil's ultimate defeat. We pray for all trapped in darkness and in need

of rescue. Free hearts held captive by addiction, anxiety, depression, dementia, and mental illness and liberate victims of slavery, human trafficking, ethnic warfare, and global injustice, that the humbled might be exalted by Your mighty hand. Son of deliverance,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Lector: O Promised Son of Abraham, You remember Your mercy for generations. Make our households places where faith flourishes and where grandparents, parents, children, and neighbors together witness to Your faithfulness. Inspire those preparing for Baptism, confirmation, or ministry for lifelong service in Your name, that generations yet unborn will proclaim Your righteousness. Son of remembrance,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Lector: O Promised Son of Israel, You led the people of Your keeping through the wilderness and to the Promised Land. Safeguard all who travel during this season. Keep them alert to possible dangers and protect them from distraction. Fill their journeys with joy, then bring them home in safety, until You bring us all to the eternal promised land, prepared by Your death and resurrection. Son of our salvation,

**People: hear our prayer.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**     *Matthew 6:9-13*

**People: 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.**

## LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

**People:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS

**Pastor:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## CLOSING SENTENCES *Luke 1:49, alt.*

**Lector:** He who is mighty has done great things for me.

**People:** Holy is His name.

**Lector:** To God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—be all honor and glory in His holy church, forever and ever.

**People:** Amen. Christ died! Christ is risen! Christ shall come again!

## BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

**People:** Amen.

## HYMN “Once He Came in Blessing” LSB #333

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