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# The Attitudes of Advent

Isaiah Looks with Expectation

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Third Wednesday in Advent

✠ IN NOMINE JESU ✠

(In the Name of Jesus)

**GUESTS & VISITORS:** Welcome to Holy Cross and to today's worship service. We are glad you are here! Please register your attendance in the Fellowship Book in the pew (be sure to include the name of any children with you today). We invite you to come and worship with us again. If you have any questions, or have an interest in joining Holy Cross, please speak with Pastor or one of our Elders.

**NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE:** During this Advent season, our midweek Matins/Vespers services will focus on the various moods and mindsets associated with this season in a series of sermons called **The Attitudes of Advent**. How should we feel about Christ's Advent among us? If you knew that a "VIP" was coming to your house in the very near future, what kinds of feelings would you have? And how would you act based on those feelings? Join us each Wednesday as we look at three biblical figures and their feelings about Advent!

**PRELUDE** - *Selected*

**THE RINGING OF THE CHURCH BELL**

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN**

*"O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide"*

LSB 355



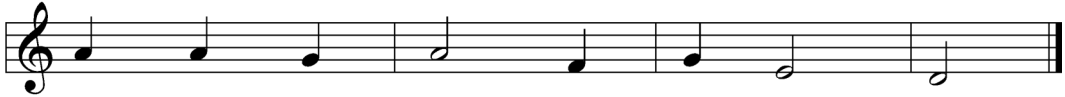
1 O Sav - ior, rend the heav - ens wide;  
2 O Fa - ther, light from heav - en send;  
3 O earth, in flow'r - ing bud be seen;  
4 O Fount of hope, how long, how long?



Come down, come down with might - y stride;  
As morn - ing dew, O Son, de - scend.  
Clothe hill and dale in garb of green.  
When will You come with com - fort strong?



Un - lock the gates, the doors break down;  
 Drop down, you clouds, the life of spring:  
 Bring forth, O earth, a blos - som rare,  
 O come, O come, Your throne fore - go;



Un - bar the way to heav - en's crown.  
 To Ja - cob's line rain down the King.  
 Our Sav - ior, sprung from mead - ow fair.  
 Con - sole us in our vale of woe.

5 O Morning Star, O radiant Sun,  
 When will our hearts behold Your dawn?  
 O Sun, arise; without Your light  
 We grope in gloom and dark of night.

6 Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;  
 Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.  
 O come, lead us with mighty hand  
 From exile to our promised land.


7 There shall we all our praises bring  
 And sing to You, our Savior King;  
 There shall we laud You and adore  
 Forever and forevermore.

*[Please stand]*

**OPENING SENTENCES**


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**P** O Lord, open Thou my lips.

**C**  **And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.**

*Psalm 51:15*

**P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

**C**  **Make haste to help me, O Lord.**

*Psalm 70:1*

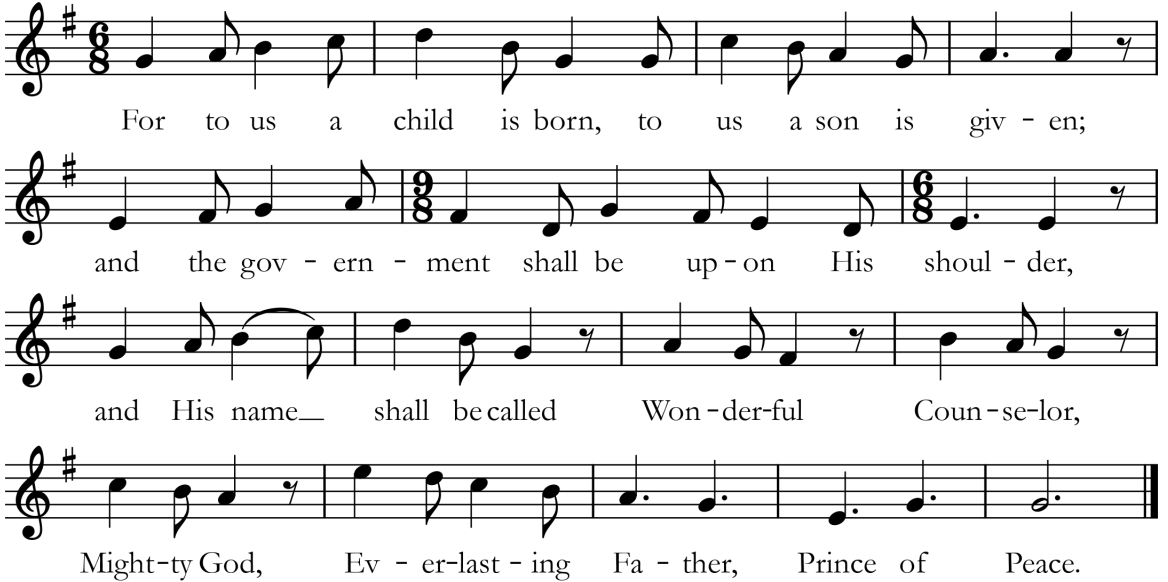
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
 world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!**

**PSALM OF THE DAY** - *Psalm 98:1-4, 6; Isaiah 9:6*

**P** *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

**C** **Refrain**

**Refrain:**



For to us a child is born, to us a son is giv - en;  
and the gov - ern - ment shall be up - on His shoul - der,  
and His name shall be called Won - der - ful Coun - se - lor,  
Might - ty God, Ev - er - last - ing Fa - ther, Prince of Peace.

*Psalm Tone:*



*Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for He has done | marvelous things!\**

*His right hand and His holy arm have worked salva- | tion for Him.*

*The LORD has made known His sal- | vation;\**

*He has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the | nations.*

**He has remembered His steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of | Israel.\***

**All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation | of our God.**

**Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all the earth;\***

**break forth into joyous song and sing | praises!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spir - it;**

**as it was in the be- | gin - ing,\***

**is now and will be forever. | A - men.**

**Refrain**

*[Please sit]*

## FIRST READING

*Revelation 22:16-21*

<sup>16</sup>“I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the Bride say, “Come.” And let the one who hears say, “Come.” And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price.

<sup>18</sup>I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, <sup>19</sup>and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book.

<sup>20</sup>He who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! <sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

**P** But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C** **♪Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Luke 2:25-35*

<sup>25</sup>Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. <sup>26</sup>And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ. <sup>27</sup>And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, <sup>28</sup>he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said,

<sup>29</sup>“Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;

<sup>30</sup>for my eyes have seen your salvation

<sup>31</sup>that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

<sup>32</sup>a light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to your people Israel.”

<sup>33</sup>And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. <sup>34</sup>And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, “Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed <sup>35</sup>(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.”

**P** But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C** **♪Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!**



1 Lo! He comes with clouds de - scend - ing,  
 2 Ev - 'ry eye shall now be - hold Him  
 3 Those dear to - kens of His pas - sion  
 4 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore Thee,



Once for ev - 'ry sin - ner slain;  
 Robed in glo - rious maj - es - ty;  
 Still His daz - zling bod - y bears,  
 High on Thine e - ter - nal throne;



Thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing  
 Those who set at naught and sold Him,  
 Cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion  
 Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



Swell the tri - umph of His train:  
 Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
 To His ran - somed wor - ship - ers.  
 Claim the king - dom as Thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly  
 With what rap - ture, with what rap - ture, with what  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
 wail - ing, Shall their true Mes - si - ah see.  
 rap - ture Gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
 lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and Thou a - lone!

SERMON

“Isaiah Looks with Expectation”

[Please stand]

CANTICLE HYMN

“My Soul Rejoices”

LSB 933



1 My soul re - joic - es, My spir - it voic - es— Sing the  
2 His arm now bar - ing, His strength de - clar - ing— Sing the



great - ness of the Lord! For God my Sav - ior Has shown me  
great - ness of the Lord! The proud He scat - ters, Their rule He



fa - vor— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! With praise and  
shat - ters— Sing the great - ness of the Lord! Op - pres - sion



bles - sing, Join in con - fess - ing God, who is sole - ly Might - y and  
halt - ed; The meek ex - alt - ed. Full are the hun - gry; Emp - ty, the



ho - ly— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! His mer - cy  
wealth - y— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord! Here is the



sure - ly Shall rest se - cure - ly On all who fear Him,  
to - ken All that was spo - ken To A - br'ham's off - spring



Love and re - vere Him— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!  
God is ful - fill - ing— O sing the great - ness of God the Lord!

## RECEIPT OF OFFERINGS

*[Please stand]*

### LITANY

*[1 Timothy 2:1-4]*

**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 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 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:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**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 may be inserted here]* . . . 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.

*A time of silence for individual prayer may follow.*

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

**C** To You, O Lord.

## KYRIE

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**C** **♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*Mark 10:47*

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold 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.**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

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**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** **♪ And with thy spirit.**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, we implore You to hear our prayers and to lighten the darkness of our hearts by Your gracious visitation; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **♪ Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR GRACE - *Morning*

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**P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, Who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Thy mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Thy governance, may be righteous in Thy sight; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**C** **♪ Amen.**

## COLLECT FOR PEACE - *Evening*

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**P** O God, from Whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed, give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that we, being defended by Thee from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

**C**  Amen.

## BENEDICAMUS & BENEDICTION

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**P** Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

**C**  Thanks be to God.

**P** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14

**C**  Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

*God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven*

LSB 877



1 God, who made the earth and heav - en, Dark - ness and light:  
2 And when morn a - gain shall call us To run life's way,  
3 Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, And when we die,  
△ 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, throned in heav - en, All - ho - ly Son,



You the day for work have giv - en, For rest the night. May Your  
May we still, what - e'er be - fall us, Your will o - bey. From the  
May we in Your might - y keep - ing All peace - ful lie. When the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, free - ly giv - en, Blest Three in One: Grant us



an - gel guards de - fend us, Slum - ber sweet Your mer - cy send us,  
pow'r of e - vil hide us, In the nar - row path - way guide us,  
last dread call shall wake us, Then, O Lord, do not for - sake us,  
grace, we now im - plore You, Till we lay our crowns be - fore You



Ho - ly dreams and hopes at - tend us All through the night.  
Nev - er be Your smile de - nied us All through the day.  
But to reign in glo - ry take us With You on high.  
And in wor - thier strains a - dore You While a - ges run.

## POSTLUDE

*Those who serve today:*

Rev. Dustin Beck  
Mrs. Carol Schramm

Pastor  
Organist

Tuesday, December 24: Children's Christmas Eve Program at 6:00pm.  
*(Offerings for St. Paul, Serbin and Immanuel, Giddings, schools.)*

Wednesday, December 25: Christmas Day worship w/Communion at 9:00am.  
*(Offerings for Faith Lutheran High School)*

Tuesday, December 31: New Year's Eve Worship w/Communion at 6:30pm.  
*(Offerings for Holy Cross General Fund)*

Sunday, January 5, 2025: Sunday morning worship w/Communion at 9:00am.  
with installation of 2025 Church officers and board members.

We pray you join us at our Christmas services as we celebrate the birth of our Savior. Invite a friend or neighbor to join you!

*Soli Deo Gloria*

(To God alone be Glory)

