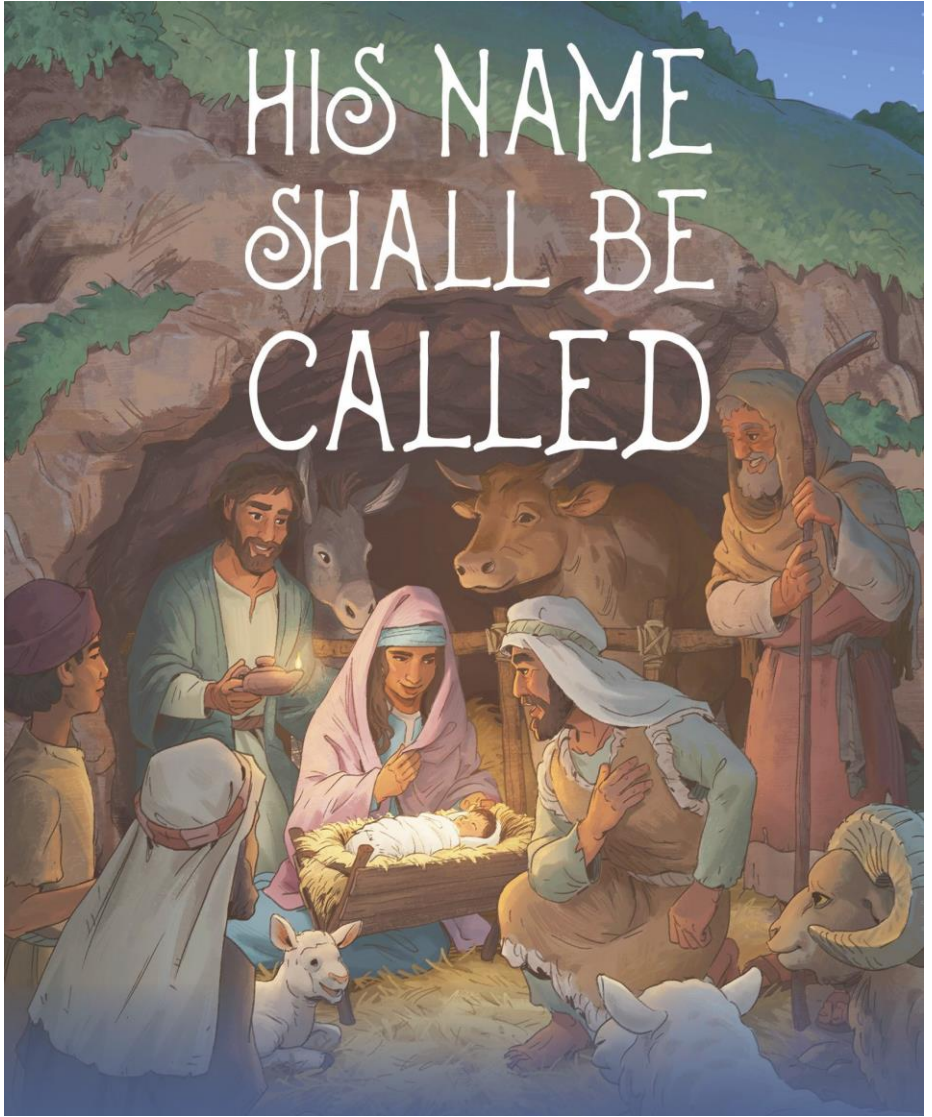


HIS NAME SHALL BE CALLED





FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH
Midweek Of Advent 1
Wednesday, December 4, 2024
6:30 P.M.

WONDERFUL COUNSELOR

AS WE GATHER

During the season of Advent, we prepare to celebrate the birth of God's Son, who was given the name *Jesus*—a Hebrew name that means “God saves.” However, in addition to His earthly name, Holy Scripture calls Jesus by various titles that describe something about His person or work. We will examine the four titles given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6—Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace—and will study how each of these titles describes something about *who* Jesus is and *what* He did for our salvation.

Today we consider how God rescues us from the cunning counsel of the devil and blesses us with the wonderful counsel of His Son, whose Word of truth sets us free from sin and its damning deception. Jesus is given the title Wonderful Counselor because His Word rescues us from the lies of the

devil and our own self-deception and leads us into God's wisdom, which results in our salvation.

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

HYMN

“Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love” **LSB 900 vs. 1–3**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1–2, 6–7

- P** A reading from Isaiah, the ninth chapter.

¹But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time He brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time He has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness,
on them has light shined.

- C** ⁶**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.**

- P** ⁷Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end,
on the throne of David and over His kingdom,

to establish it and to uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time forth and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P When Isaiah looked forward to our Lord's coming, he said it would be as if "the people who walked in darkness [had] seen a great light" (Isaiah 9:2). We give thanks that the Holy Spirit has shown the light of the Gospel into our hearts.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P We do not always bring our sins to God, confident that our Wonderful Counselor has forgiven them all. Let us therefore confess our sins to our heavenly Father.

C **I confess that I have sinned against You this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to You. In the name of Jesus Christ, I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me that I may rest in peace.**

P By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. We rest now in His peace and rise in the morning to serve Him.

C **Amen.**

HYMN

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

LSB #357 vs 1-3

PSALM 119:129–136

P Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

- C** The unfolding of Your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.
- P** I open my mouth and pant, because I long for Your commandments.
- C** Turn to me and be gracious to me, as is Your way with those who love Your name.
- P** Keep steady my steps according to Your promise, and let no iniquity get dominion over me.
- C** Redeem me from man's oppression, that I may keep Your precepts.
- P** Make Your face shine upon Your servant, and teach me Your statutes.
- C** My eyes shed streams of tears, because people do not keep Your law.

**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.**

Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

SECOND READING

Romans 11:32–36

- P** A reading from Romans, the eleventh chapter.

³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that He may have mercy on all.

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

³⁴“For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been His counselor?”

³⁵“Or who has given a gift to Him

that he might be repaid?”

³⁶For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THIRD READING

Matthew 7:24–29

P A reading from Matthew, the seventh chapter.

²⁴“Everyone then who hears these words of Mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. ²⁷And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

²⁸And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at His teaching, ²⁹for He was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORY FOR ADVENT

Jeremiah 23:5a, 6

P Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

- P** In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.
- C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**
- P** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C** **This is the name by which He will be called: The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

CATECHISM

The Second Article

- P** What does it mean that we believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord?
- 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. This is most certainly true.**

HYMN *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* **LSB 357 vs 4-5**

SERMON

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" **LSB #357 vs 6-7**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Wonderful Counselor, we come to You, Lord Jesus, thankful that You have enlightened us with the counsel of Your wonderful gracious word of forgiveness for all our sins. Help us, we pray, as we interact with people who may be entrapped by their sin, not knowing Your full forgiveness, and unable to rejoice at the anniversary of Your birth. Wonderful Counselor, use us and all we have, to bring others to hear and believe the Good News. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Mighty God, we come to You in faith, gracious Lord, trusting that You were and are God in the flesh, our Immanuel. Strengthen all who are in distress from the worldly forces that surround them. Assure them of Your presence, strengthen their faith, and lead them to Your home above, where we may all rejoice together in Your love and grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Everlasting Father, we come to You, O Lord, who conquered sin and death as ruler of creation while also serving Your people as a caring Father. Grant us to know always Your eternal presence among us and help us to amend our lives and pass on the joy of Your eternal forgiveness to our neighbors, friends, and family. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Prince of Peace, we give thanks that You came to earth and paid the penalty that our sins deserved. Grant us steadfastness of faith to be at peace with one another, knowing that because of Your grace and love for us, we will be with You in eternity. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P These things we pray to You, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace, for

You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

PRAYER FROM SUNDAY

P Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come,

C **that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance;**

P for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

PRAYER FOR TODAY

P Shine into our hearts, O Lord, and illumine every part of our lives,

C **so that we will be ready to rejoice at Your birth and be guiding lights for those who do not yet know Your saving grace and forgiveness;**

P for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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SANCTUS

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

With thankful hearts we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 209

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

AGNUS DEI

LSB 210

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table”

LSB #618

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

LSB #621

NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 211

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- P** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

LUTHER’S EVENING PRAYER

- C** 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.

BENEDICTION

- P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.
- C** Amen.

HYMN

“Now The Light Has Gone Away”

LSB# 887

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

2024 Advent Series

His Name Shall Be Called

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

Wednesday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Faith

Our second midweek Advent sermon is “Mighty God”—a title given to Jesus in Isaiah 9:6. We will learn from Scripture that Jesus is more than a mere human who was a great teacher or a popular hero. Jesus *was* and *is* God in human flesh. We will also learn *why* it is important for us to believe that Jesus *was* and *is* God in human flesh.

