

This is My Son



ADVENT MIDWEEK - NOVEMBER 30TH, 2022

WELCOME

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TODAY'S SERVICE

November 30th, 2022

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PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

Psalm 110

The LORD said to my Lord, "Sit at My right hand, Till I make Your enemies Your footstool." ² The LORD shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion. Rule in the midst of Your enemies! ³ Your people *shall be* volunteers In the day of Your power; In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning, You have the dew of Your youth. ⁴ The LORD has sworn And will not relent, "You *are* a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek." ⁵ The Lord is at Your right hand; He shall execute kings in the day of His wrath. ⁶ He shall judge among the nations, He shall fill *the places* with dead bodies, He shall execute the heads of many countries. ⁷ He shall drink of the brook by the wayside; Therefore He shall lift up the head.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING PRAYER

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. Amen.

#387 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

by Martin Luther, 1483-1546

1. Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,
With exultation springing,
And, with united heart and voice

And holy rapture singing,
Proclaim the wonders God hath done,
How His right arm the victory won;
Right dearly it hath cost Him.

4. But God beheld my wretched state
Before the world's foundation,
And, mindful of His mercies great,
He planned my soul's salvation.
A father's heart He turned to me,
Sought my redemption fervently:
He gave His dearest Treasure.

5. He spoke to His beloved Son:
'Tis time to have compassion.
Then go, bright Jewel of My crown,
And bring to man salvation;
From sin and sorrow set him free,
Slay bitter death for him that he
May live with Thee forever.

6. This Son obeyed His Father's will,
Was born of virgin mother,
And God's good pleasure to fulfill,
He came to be my Brother.
No garb of pomp or power He wore,
A servant's form, like mine, He bore,
To lead the devil captive.

INVOCATION

- p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- P O Lord, open my lips,
C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
- P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
- P Praise to You, O Christ, the King who comes to save us.

MAGNIFICAT

P My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;

C **for He has regarded the lowliness of His hand-
maiden.**

P For behold, from this day all generations will call me blessed.

C **For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
and holy is His name;**

P and His mercy is on those who fear Him from generation to generation.

C **He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.**

P He has cast down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly.

C **He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent empty away.**

P He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray . . . Living God, Your almighty power is made known chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of Your grace to lay hold of Your promises and live forever in Your presence; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READINGS

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 18:24–33

²⁴Now David was sitting between the two gates, and the watchman went up to the roof of the gate by the wall, and when he lifted up his eyes and looked, he saw a man run-

ning alone. 25The watchman called out and told the king. And the king said, "If he is alone, there is news in his mouth." And he drew nearer and nearer. 26The watchman saw another man running. And the watchman called to the gate and said, "See, another man running alone!" The king said, "He also brings news." 27The watchman said, "I think the running of the first is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok." And the king said, "He is a good man and comes with good news."

28Then Ahimaaz cried out to the king, "All is well." And he bowed before the king with his face to the earth and said, "Blessed be the Lord your God, who has delivered up the men who raised their hand against my lord the king." 29And the king said, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" Ahimaaz answered, "When Joab sent the king's servant, your servant, I saw a great commotion, but I do not know what it was." 30And the king said, "Turn aside and stand here." So he turned aside and stood still.

31And behold, the Cushite came, and the Cushite said, "Good news for my lord the king! For the Lord has delivered you this day from the hand of all who rose up against you." 32The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the

young man Absalom?” And the Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up against you for evil be like that young man.”³³ And the king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept. And as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 5:1–10

¹Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ²And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

³But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵For you may be sure of this, that every-

one who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. 6Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. 7Therefore do not associate with them; 8for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light 9(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), 10and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

THIRD READING

Matthew 22:41–46

41Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, 42saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is He?” They said to Him, “The son of David.” 43He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls Him Lord, saying, 44“ ‘The Lord said to my Lord,

Sit at My right hand,

until I put Your enemies under Your feet?"

45If then David calls Him Lord, how is He his son?"

46And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask Him any more questions.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

#105 "Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men"

by Nikolaus Herman

1.Praise God the Lord, ye sons of men,

Before His highest throne;

Today He opens heaven again

And gives us His own Son.

2. He leaves His heavenly Father's throne,
Is born an infant small,
And in a manger, poor and lone,
Lies in a humble stall.

3. He veils in flesh His power divine
A servant's form to take;
In want and lowliness must pine
Who heaven and earth did make.

6. A wondrous change which He doth make!
He takes our flesh and blood,
And He conceals for sinners' sake
His majesty of God.

7. He serves that I a lord may be;
A great exchange indeed!
Could Jesus' love do more for me
To help me in my need?

8. He opens us again the door
Of Paradise today;
The angel guards the gate no more,
To God our thanks we pay.

SERMON: THIS IS MY SON: ABSALOM

#62 "Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel"

by unknown author, c. 1100

1. Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

2. Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny;
From depths of hell Thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

3. Oh, come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

OFFERING

4. Oh, come, Thou Key of David, come
And open wide our heavenly home:
Make safe the way that leads on high
And close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me today, and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins, wherever I have done wrong, and graciously protect me tonight. Into Your hands I entrust my body and soul and everything else. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the devil may have no power over me. Amen

THE BENEDICTION

p The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen

#709 God Loves Me Dearly

Author: August Rische

1 God loves me dearly, grants me salvation;
God loves me dearly, loves even me.

Refrain:

Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.

2 I was in bondage, sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working to make me free. [Refrain]

3 He sent forth Jesus, my dear Redeemer;
he sent forth Jesus and set me free. [Refrain]

4 Jesus, my Savior, himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior, paid all I owed. [Refrain]



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