

Our Dear CHRIST Enters In

Baby
Names



Wednesday, December 17th, 2025

“You will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus.” Luke 1:31

Invocation

P: We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Opening Hymn ... “Prepare the Royal Highway” LSB 343

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

P: Beloved in the Lord, as we draw closer to Christmas, may this wreath remind us that Jesus came to conquer the darkness of our sin and lead us into the light of his glorious kingdom, as the prophet Isaiah declares,

C: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shone.”

(Two purple candles and one pink candle are lit on the Advent wreath.)

P: Let us pray... one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P: Seek the Lord while he may be found;

C: call upon him while he is near;

P: let the wicked forsake his way,

C: and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

P: let him return to the Lord,

C: that he may have compassion on him,

P: and to our God, **C: for he will abundantly pardon.**

(Silently reflect on these words and our need for his forgiveness.)

P: Heavenly Father, **C: we come before you today with nothing to hide. You've heard everything we've said and seen everything we've done. You even probe our thoughts. You know that every day our lives are filled with disobedience, poorly chosen words and selfish ends. Forgive us for the sake of your Son, Jesus, who lived the perfect life that we could never live and sacrificed himself in our place. Amen.**

P: “Comfort, comfort my people,’ says your God. ‘Speak tenderly

to her and proclaim to her: ‘Your sins have been paid for’” (Isaiah 40:1-2). In his tender mercy, God has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. Therefore, upon this your confession, I announce the grace of God to you. In his stead and by his command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Hymn of Praise ... “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending”

LSB 336; vrs. 1,2, 4

Prayer of the Day

P: Dear Lord, when you were born into this world, Mary and Joseph gave you the name that was given to them by the angel—the name “Jesus.” We are truly blessed this day to be able to call you by name in our prayers, in our worship and in our speaking of your salvation to those around us in our homes and in this church. Remind us every day that your name means “He saves,” and help us to remember that you have called each of us by name to follow you. Amen.

Old Testament Reading ... *Isaiah 7:10-17*

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading ... *Acts 4:5-12*

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading ... *Luke 1:26-38*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon Hymn ... “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

LSB 524; vrs. 1-2, 4-6

Sermon

Hymn of Response ... “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

LSB 770

Apostles' Creed

Offering & Attendance/Involvement Cards

Prayers

Each petition concludes with the following response:

P: Jesus, name above all names,

C: **look with favor upon us.**

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

P: Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all. **C: Amen.**

Closing Hymn ... "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" *LSB 338*

December Worship Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 17: Advent Worship, 11:30 AM and 7 PM.
Confirmation Caroling, 5:30-6:45 PM.

Christmas Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 24:

- † Candlelight Services at 11:30 AM, 4 PM & 11 PM.
- † Contemporary Candlelight Service at 7 PM

Christmas Day, Thursday, Dec. 25: 9 AM Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday, Dec. 28: (First Sunday after Christmas) 8:15 & 10:45 AM Worship Services

New Year's Eve, Wednesday, Dec. 31: Holy Communion Worship service at 11:30 AM & 6 PM