



Wednesday, December 3, 2025

“The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.” Matthew 1:1

Invocation

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

Opening ... “The Advent of Our King” *LSB 331*

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 a light has shone.”

(One purple candle is lit on the Advent wreath.)

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

Confession and Absolution (from Psalm 32)

P: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,

C: whose sins are covered.

P: Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,

C: and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

P: I acknowledged my sin to you,

C: and I did not cover up my iniquity.

P: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord”—

C: and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: King Jesus, **C: we confess that we so often give you lip service with our tongues yet deny you with our thoughts, words and actions. We have not placed you first in every area of our lives, nor have we considered all others as better than ourselves. Hear us as we take this moment to confess our sins, especially those sins that are weighing heavily on our consciences right now:**

(Silence for personal confession.)

P: “‘Comfort, comfort my people,’ says your God. ‘Speak tenderly to Jerusalem and cry to her that her iniquity is pardoned’” (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 ... “The God of Abraham Praise” *LSB* 798; vrs. 1-3

Prayer of the Day

P: O God...We are your own in Jesus, and we are grateful. Amen.

Old Testament Reading ... *Genesis 15:1-6*

New Testament Reading ... *Romans 1:1-4*

Gospel Reading ... *Matthew 1:1-17*

Sermon Hymn ... “Savior of the Nations, Come”; *LSB* 332; tune *LSB* 830; vrs. 1-4

Sermon

Hymn of Response ... “Savior of the Nations, Come”; *LSB* 332; tune *LSB* 830; vrs. 5-8

Apostles’ Creed

Offering & Attendance / Involvement Cards

Prayers

Each petition concludes with the following response:

P: O Jesus Christ, who entered into our human family,

C: bless us in all we do as the family of God.

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. . . "O come, O Come, Emmanuel" *LSB* 357

December Worship Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 3 Advent Worship, 11:30 AM and 7 PM

Wednesday, Dec. 10: Advent Worship, 11:30 AM and Family Advent Service, 7 PM. Chicken Strip meal at Noon and 5-7 PM. Free-will offering for J.J. Wolf Missionary Family

Sunday, Dec. 14: Christmas Cantata, 8:15 & 10:45 AM, Christmas Preschool Program 1 PM. Children's Christmas Program 3 PM. Middle School & High School Christmas Party at 5:30 PM.

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

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24:

✙ Candlelight Services at 11:30 AM, 4 PM & 11 PM.

✙ Contemporary Candlelight Service at 7 PM

Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25: 9 AM Worship w/Holy Communion

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

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