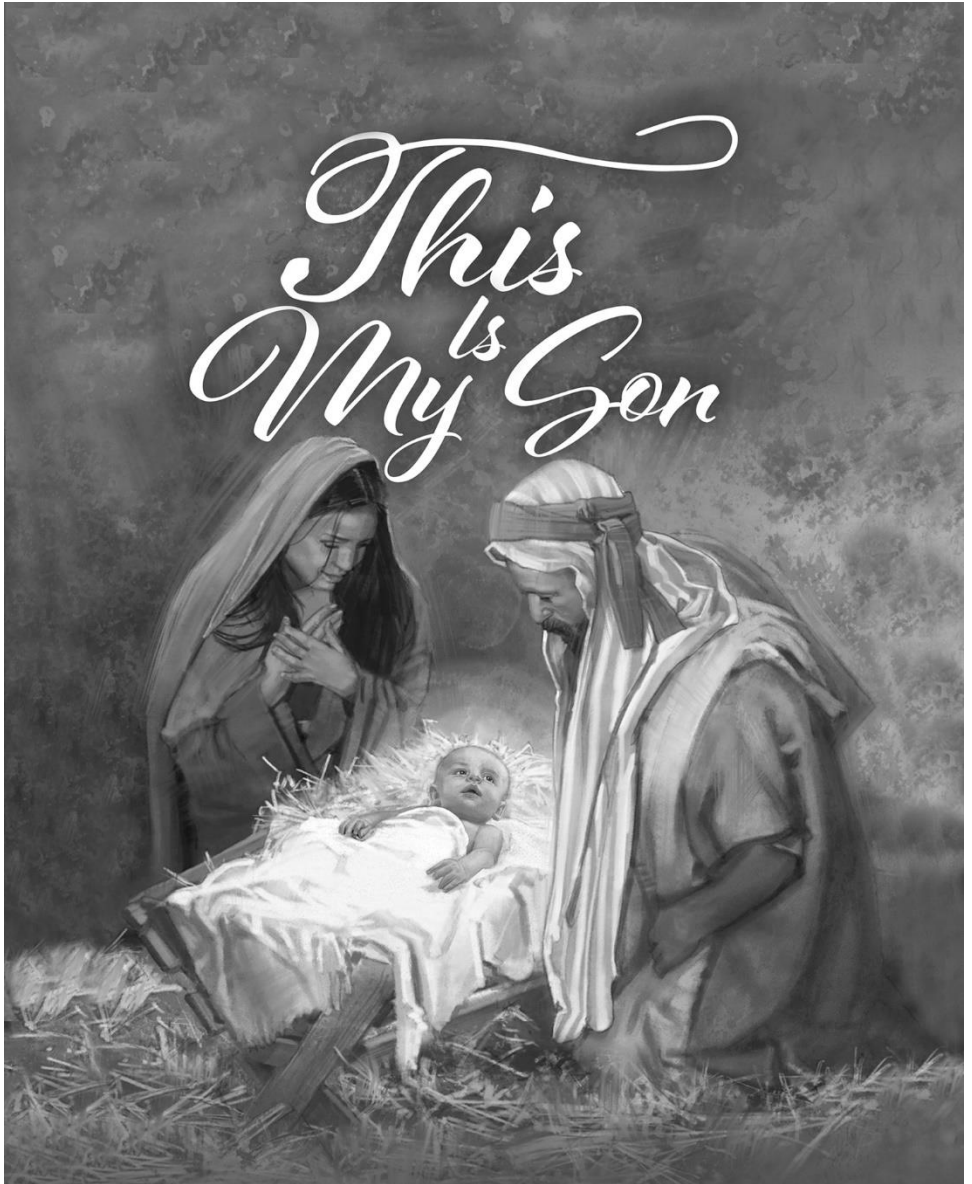


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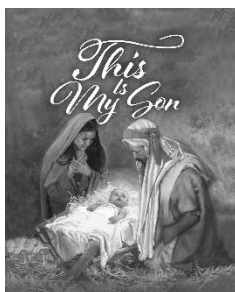
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Midweek of Advent 1

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This is My Son: Cain

Just as God's people of old waited with faith in the coming Messiah, so is our Advent anticipation of Christmas, as we sing of the Savior, "Your people long to greet You, My hope, my heart's delight!" (LSB 334:1). Our hopes and fears are real. They can distract us from God's promises. God's promise was from the beginning spoken to Adam and Eve. Salvation would come through the woman's offspring (Genesis 3:15). But it would not be Cain, the son of Adam, nor Ishmael, the son of Abraham, nor Absalom, the son of David. The true Son of Adam and Abraham and David is the Son of God. Our attention and faith thus direct our hopes and fears to God's Son, in whom we receive adoption as sons and daughters in the family of God.

VESPERS

L O Lord, open my lips,

C and my mouth will declare Your praise.

L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;

C make haste to help me, O Lord.

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.
Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.**

Psalmody

Psalm

Psalm 146:3, 5; Psalm 9:1–12

Read responsively

Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

**Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord his God.**

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds.

**I will be glad and exult in You;
I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.**

When my enemies turn back,
they stumble and perish before Your presence.

**For You have maintained my just cause;
You have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment.**

You have rebuked the nations; You have made the wicked perish;
You have blotted out their name forever and ever.

**The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins;
their cities You rooted out;
the very memory of them has perished.**

But the Lord sits enthroned forever;
He has established His throne for justice,

**and He judges the world with righteousness;
He judges the peoples with uprightness.**

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.

**And those who know Your name put their trust in You,
for You, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You.**

Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion!
Tell among the peoples His deeds!

**For He who avenges blood is mindful of them;
He does not forget the cry of the afflicted.**

**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.**

Office Hymn

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

LSB 334



1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?
2 Your Zi - on strews be - fore You Green boughs and fair - est palms;
3 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me free.
4 Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me.



Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!
And I too will a - dore You With joy - ous songs and psalms.
I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or me.
Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast
My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais - es new
A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high
Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.
And from Your name shall nev - er With - hold the hon - or due.
That will not fail or leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.
In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.

- 5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
 Cannot His love erase;
Your guilt the Lord will pardon
 And cover by His grace.
He comes, for you procuring
 The peace of sin forgiv'n,
His children thus securing
 Eternal life in heav'n.
- 6 He comes to judge the nations,
 A terror to His foes,
A light of consolations
 And blessèd hope to those
Who love the Lord's appearing.
 O glorious Sun, now come,
Send forth Your beams so cheering,
 And guide us safely home.

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Readings

First Reading

Genesis 4:1–16

L A reading from Genesis, the fourth chapter.

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my

brother's keeper?" ¹⁰And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him. ¹⁶Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Romans 5:12–17

L A reading from Romans, the fifth chapter.

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Third Reading

Matthew 5:17–26

L A reading from Matthew, the fifth chapter.

¹⁷[Jesus said:] “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

²¹“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Responsory for Advent

LSB 230

L 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.**

L 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.**

L 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.**

Sermon

This is My Son: Cain

Canticle

Antiphon

LSB 231

- L** Let my prayer rise before You as incense,
- C** and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Magnificat

LSB 231

- L** My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior;
- C** for He has regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.
- L** 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;
- L** 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.
- L** 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.
- L** 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

Kyrie

LSB 233

- L** Lord, have mercy;
- C** Christ, have mercy;
- L** Lord, have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 233

L Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we 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.**

Collects

L O Lord, hear my prayer.

C **And let my cry come to You.**

Collect of the Day

L O Lord, by Your own power, You turn sinners from their wicked ways to become Your adopted sons and daughters through repentance of our sins and faith in Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world. Help us to direct all our hope to Your gracious will, which You have revealed in Your Son, the Word made flesh, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**



Additional Collects of Intercession and Thanksgiving

Collect

L Almighty God, from the very beginning, You promised to send a Savior from sin and death into the world, to redeem us all to be Your true children. Direct the eyes of our faith away from all false hopes and fix them on Your true and only Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Collect for Peace

L 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.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 234

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 234

L The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C Amen.



Closing Hymn

In Adam We Have All Been One

LSB 569



1 In Ad - am we have all been one, One huge re - bel - lious man;
2 We fled Thee, and in los - ing Thee We lost our broth - er too;
3 But Thy strong love, it sought us still And sent Thine on - ly Son
4 O Thou who, when we loved Thee not, Didst love and save us all,



We all have fled that eve - ning voice That sought us as we ran.
Each sin - gly sought and claimed his own; Each man his broth - er slew.
That we might hear His Shep - herd's voice And, hear - ing Him, be one.
Thou great Good Shep - herd of man - kind, O hear us when we call.

5 Send us Thy Spirit, teach us truth;
Thou Son, O set us free
From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways,
To make us one in Thee.

△ 6 Then shall our song united rise
To Thine eternal throne,
Where with the Father evermore
And Spirit Thou art one.

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Advent, Christmas & New Year's Worship

Please join us in worship in this new Church Year



Midweek Advent Services

Wednesday, November 30th at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, December 14th at 7:00 pm

Open Arms Christian Preschool Christmas Program

Sunday, December 11th at 2:00 pm



Christmas Eve Worship

Saturday, December 24th at
4:00 pm & 7:00 pm

Christmas Day Worship

Sunday, December 25th at 9:00 am



New Year's Eve Worship

Saturday, December 31st at 7:00 pm

New Year's Day Worship

Sunday, January 1st at 9:00 am