

ISAIAH 9:6, KJV

*And  
His name  
shall be  
called...*

**MIGHTY GOD**

December 11, 2024

# **WELCOME**

Thank you for worshipping with us today.  
Please sign the guest register in the entry  
as you leave the church today.

## **TODAY'S SERVICE**

December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**Speaker:** Pastor Andrew Schaller

**Organist:** Dan Barthels

# PRE-SERVICE DEVOTION

*Read John 5:16–18; 8:48–59*

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 the truth that Jesus was and is Immanuel, God among us, the mighty One in whom we may trust for all things here in time until we meet Him in eternity. Jesus is more than a mere human who was a great teacher or a popular hero. He was and is God in human flesh, and only God Himself can save us from sin, death, and the devil.

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## #75 Ye Sons of Men, Oh, Hearken

### INVOCATION

p In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

### CONFESSION OF SINS

p God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.

c **If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanses us from all sin.**

p If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

c **If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

p Let us confess our sins.

**all** Almighty God, merciful Father, we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. But we are sorry for our transgressions and pray You, of Your bountiful mercy, to be gracious and merciful unto us. Forgive us for Jesus sake, renew us by Your Spirit, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen

**p** Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only, but for the sins of the whole world. We are forgiven. With boldness and confidence we may approach the throne to find grace to help in time of need. In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the 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**

**p** Let us pray . . . Mighty God, You have promised to rule in our hearts, pour out Your power upon us that we may be Yours and You ours forever, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

# PSALM

*Psalm 117*

P Praise the LORD,

C **all you Gentiles!**

P Laud Him,

C **all you peoples!**

P For His merciful kindness is great toward us,

C **And the truth of the LORD endures forever. Praise  
the LORD!**

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## THE WORD

**Psalm 96:1-13** Oh, sing to the LORD a new song! Sing to the LORD, all the earth. <sup>2</sup> Sing to the LORD, bless His name; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. <sup>3</sup> Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples. <sup>4</sup> For the LORD *is* great and greatly to be praised; He *is* to be feared above all gods. <sup>5</sup> For all the gods of the peoples *are* idols, But the LORD made the heavens. <sup>6</sup> Honor and majesty *are* before Him;

Strength and beauty *are* in His sanctuary. <sup>7</sup> Give to the LORD, O families of the peoples, Give to the LORD glory and strength. <sup>8</sup> Give to the LORD the glory *due* His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts. <sup>9</sup> Oh, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth. <sup>10</sup> Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns; The world also is firmly established, It shall not be moved; He shall judge the peoples righteously." <sup>11</sup> Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; Let the sea roar, and all its fullness; <sup>12</sup> Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it. Then all the trees of the woods will rejoice <sup>13</sup> before the LORD. For He is coming, for He is coming to judge the earth. He shall judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with His truth.

## RESPONSORY FOR ADVENT

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- 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.**

## #65:1-4 When Sinners See Their Lost Condition

### SERMON

**Isaiah 9:1-2,6-7** Nevertheless the gloom *will not be* upon her who is distressed, As when at first He lightly esteemed The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, And afterward more heavily oppressed *her*, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, In Galilee of the Gentiles. <sup>2</sup> The people who walked in darkness Have seen a great light; Those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, Upon them



a light has shined . . . <sup>6</sup> For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup> Of the increase of *His* government and peace *There will be* no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, To order it and establish it with judgment and justice From that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

## **MIGHTY GOD**

**He Comes!**

## #76 A Great and Mighty Wonder

### OFFERING AND 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. Have mercy upon us and hear us as we join to pray:

### 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.

## 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

**#711 See In Yonder Manger Low**



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