

## THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING:

THURSDAY	Board of Elders, 6:30 p.m.
FRIDAY	ELS Circuit 6 Pastors' Winkel, 9:00 a.m.
SUNDAY (12/11)	<b>Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.</b> Education Hour, 10:20 a.m. Advent By Candlelight, 1:00 p.m.
MONDAY	Confirmation Class, 3:15 p.m.
TUESDAY	Tuesday Bible Class, 9:00 a.m. Brookview Meadows Service, 2:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	Emerald Bay Service, 4:00 p.m. Advent Supper, 5:00 p.m. <b>Midweek Advent Service, 6:30 p.m.</b>
SUNDAY (12/18)	<b>Divine Service w/Holy Comm., 9:00 a.m.</b> Christmas Fellowship w/Cookies, 10:15 a.m.

## ADVENT/CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**3rd Midweek Advent Service - Dec. 14, 6:30 p.m.**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - Dec. 24, 5:30 p.m.**

**Christmas Day Service (Comm.) - Dec. 25, 9:00 a.m.**

**New Year's Eve Service (Comm.) - Dec. 31, 5:30 p.m.**

# This Is My Son



**DECEMBER 7, 2022** | *Second Midweek Advent Service*

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome and thank you for joining us for our Advent worship tonight! This Advent season, during our midweek services, we will take a look at three different sons of men who were disappointments to their fathers. But each week, we will also be pointed to a different Son, the Son who never disappointed His Father, Jesus Christ, the Son of God—and Son of Man. During this midweek services, you will hear again that your heavenly Father is not disappointed in you. Rather, through Jesus, He considers you to be His beloved child, with whom He is well pleased.

## SERVICE NOTES FOR TONIGHT

After years of waiting for God to fulfill His promise of a son, Abraham and Sarah decided to take things into their own hands. Rather than activate God's promise, it kick-started a story of pain and resentment. In His time, God sent them Isaac. Generations later, when the time was right, God sent forth His Son. Jesus, the true Son of Abraham, makes us all part of God's family and one of the many sons of Abraham.

For your convenience the order of service is printed on the following pages. The Order of Vespers is found on p. 41ff in the front of the red hymnal.

## The Order of Vespers

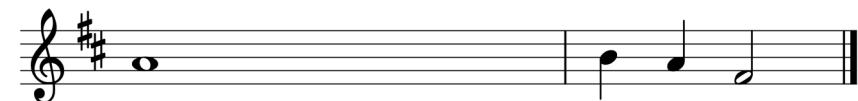
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## HYMN

*Arise, Sons of the Kingdom* | 69

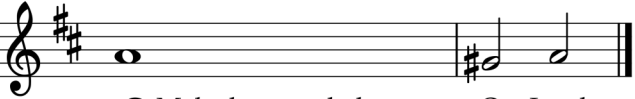
## VERSICLES

**M:** O Lord, open Thou my lips.



**C:** And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

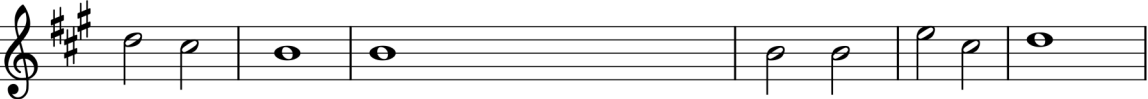
**M:** Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



**C:** Make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the



Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er shall be,



world with - out end. A - men. Hal - le - lu - jah!

*You may be seated.*

## PSALM OF THE DAY

*Psalm 25 (selected verses)*

**M:** To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**C:** O my God, I trust in You; Let me not be ashamed;

**M:** Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths.

**C:** Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation.

**M:** Remember, O LORD, Your tender mercies and Your lovingkindnesses,  
For they are from of old.

**C:** Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions;  
According to Your mercy remember me, For Your goodness' sake, O Lord.

**M:** Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.

**C:** Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me, For I am desolate and afflicted.

**M:** Look on my affliction and my pain,

**C:** And forgive all my sins.

**ALL:** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the  
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## THE SALUTATION & THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.



**C:** And with thy spir - it.

**M:** O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works proceed,  
give 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 by You from  
the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for Your only Son. By His coming  
give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of  
this world; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C:** A - men.

## THE BENEDICAMUS & THE BENEDICTION

**M:** Bless we the Lord.



**C:** Thanks be to God.

**M:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and love of God and the communion of the Holy  
Spirit be with you all.



**C:** A - men.

## CLOSING HYMN

*All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night* | 558



*Please stand.*

## THE KYRIE & THE LORD'S PRAYER



**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.**

## FIRST LESSON: ISAIAH 7:10-14

Moreover the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying, <sup>11</sup> "Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above."

<sup>12</sup> But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!"

<sup>13</sup> Then he said, "Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? <sup>14</sup> "Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

**M:** But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



*Please stand.*

## GOSPEL LESSON: LUKE 1:26-45

Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. <sup>28</sup> And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"

<sup>29</sup> But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. <sup>30</sup> Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. <sup>31</sup> "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. <sup>32</sup> "He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. <sup>33</sup> "And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

<sup>34</sup> Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

<sup>35</sup> And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. <sup>36</sup> "Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. <sup>37</sup> "For with God nothing will be impossible."

<sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

<sup>39</sup> Now Mary arose in those days and went into the hill country with haste, to a city of Judah, <sup>40</sup> and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup> And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was

filled with the Holy Spirit. <sup>42</sup> Then she spoke out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! <sup>43</sup> "But why is this granted to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? <sup>44</sup> "For indeed, as soon as the voice of your greeting sounded in my ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. <sup>45</sup> "Blessed is she who believed, for there will be a fulfillment of those things which were told her from the Lord."

**M:** But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.



C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord!

*You may be seated.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*The God of Abraham Praise | 40*

*Please stand for the singing of the last verse.*

**SERMON - Genesis 16:1-16**      *This Is My Son—Ishmael, Son of Abraham*

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar. <sup>2</sup> So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the LORD has restrained me from bearing children. Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her." And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai. <sup>3</sup> Then Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan.

<sup>4</sup> So he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress became despised in her eyes. <sup>5</sup> Then Sarai said to Abram, "My wrong be upon you! I gave my maid into your embrace; and when she saw that she had conceived, I became despised in her eyes. The LORD judge between you and me."

<sup>6</sup> So Abram said to Sarai, "Indeed your maid is in your hand; do to her as you please." And when Sarai dealt harshly with her, she fled from her presence.

<sup>7</sup> Now the Angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, by the spring on the way to Shur. <sup>8</sup> And He said, "Hagar, Sarai's maid, where have you come from, and where are you going?"

She said, "I am fleeing from the presence of my mistress Sarai."

<sup>9</sup> The Angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit yourself under her hand." <sup>10</sup> Then the Angel of the LORD said to her, "I will multiply your descendants exceedingly, so that they shall not be counted for multitude." <sup>11</sup> And the Angel of the LORD said


to her: "Behold, you are with child, And you shall bear a son. You shall call his name Ishmael, Because the LORD has heard your affliction. <sup>12</sup> He shall be a wild man; His hand shall be against every man, And every man's hand against him. And he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren."

<sup>13</sup> Then she called the name of the LORD who spoke to her, You-Are-the-God-Who-Sees; for she said, "Have I also here seen Him who sees me?" <sup>14</sup> Therefore the well was called Beer Lahai Roi; observe, it is between Kadesh and Bered. <sup>15</sup> So Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. <sup>16</sup> Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

**OFFERING**


**VERSICLE**

**M:** Let my prayer rise before You as incense:




C: And the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

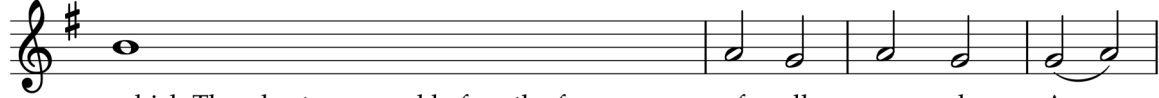
**THE NUNC DIMITTIS**




Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace accord - ing to



Thy Word, For mine eyes have seen Thy Sal - va - tion,



which Thou hast prepared before the face of all peo - ple; A



Light to light - en the Gen-tiles, and the Glory of Thy peo - ple Isra - el.