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## As We Gather

Who is the son of David? Just like Adam and Eve and Abram and Sarai, so also David received a promise from God. The Lord's promise for King David was that his house and kingdom would be established forever. But this promise seems to be in jeopardy when David's son Absalom rebels against his own father. In the end, however, this disobedient prince dies, hanging from a tree. Yes, God would indeed establish David's reign, but it would be through Jesus, the greater Son, who is obedient to the will of His Father in heaven. This Prince of Peace dies by hanging nailed to the tree of the cross so we can be restored as sons and daughters of the King of kings.

*[Today's hymns are printed on pages 8-11 of the bulletin.]*

### ✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

**Hymn** TLH 387 (1-2, 4-6) – Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

### Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Opening Sentences

Psalm 146:3-5

**P** Put not your trust in princes,

**C** **in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.**

**P** When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;

**C** **on that very day his plans perish.**

**P** Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

**C** **whose hope is in the LORD his God.**

### Confession and Absolution

**P** Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

**C** **we have sinned against You in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

**P** By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in Him we are forgiven. Let us rest in His peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve Him in newness of life.

**C** Amen.

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of the universe, who allowed Your only begotten Son to die on the tree of the cross that we might be redeemed and adopted sons and daughters of the King of kings. Enlighten our darkness by the light of Your Christ; may His Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for You are merciful, and You love Your whole creation and we, Your creatures, glorify You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Epistle Reading

Ephesians 5:1-10

<sup>1</sup> Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. <sup>3</sup> But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. <sup>4</sup> Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. <sup>5</sup> For you may be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. <sup>6</sup> Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup> Therefore do not become partners with them; <sup>8</sup> for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup> and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 110

**P** The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand,

**C** until I make your enemies your footstool."

**P** The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter.

**C** Rule in the midst of your enemies!

**P** Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power, in holy garments;

**C** from the womb of the morning, the dew of your youth will be yours.

- P** The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind,
- C** **“You are a priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”**
- P** The Lord is at your right hand;
- C** **he will shatter kings on the day of his wrath.**
- P** He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with corpses;
- C** **he will shatter chiefs over the wide earth.**
- P** He will drink from the brook by the way;
- C** **therefore he will lift up his head.**

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:41-46

<sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, <sup>42</sup> saying, “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” <sup>43</sup> He said to them, “How is it then that David, in the Spirit, calls him Lord, saying, <sup>44</sup> “ ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet” ’? <sup>45</sup> If then David calls him Lord, how is he his son?” <sup>46</sup> And no one was able to answer him a word, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

## Readings Response

- P** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.
- C** **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

## Confession of Faith

Luther’s Explanation to the Second Article

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.

All this He did that I should be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

## Hymn

TLH 105 (1-3, 6-8) – Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men

<sup>24</sup> Now David was sitting between the two gates, and the watchman went up to the roof of the gate by the wall, and when he lifted up his eyes and looked, he saw a man running alone. <sup>25</sup> The watchman called out and told the king. And the king said, "If he is alone, there is news in his mouth." And he drew nearer and nearer. <sup>26</sup> The watchman saw another man running. And the watchman called to the gate and said, "See, another man running alone!" The king said, "He also brings news." <sup>27</sup> The watchman said, "I think the running of the first is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok." And the king said, "He is a good man and comes with good news." <sup>28</sup> Then Ahimaaz cried out to the king, "All is well." And he bowed before the king with his face to the earth and said, "Blessed be the LORD your God, who has delivered up the men who raised their hand against my lord the king." <sup>29</sup> And the king said, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" Ahimaaz answered, "When Joab sent the king's servant, your servant, I saw a great commotion, but I do not know what it was." <sup>30</sup> And the king said, "Turn aside and stand here." So he turned aside and stood still. <sup>31</sup> And behold, the Cushite came, and the Cushite said, "Good news for my lord the king! For the LORD has delivered you this day from the hand of all who rose up against you." <sup>32</sup> The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" And the Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up against you for evil be like that young man." <sup>33</sup> And the king was deeply moved and went up to the chamber over the gate and wept. And as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"



**This is My Son: Absalom**

## Offertory

TLH 50 st. 2



Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion For Thy Gos - pel's  
joy - ful sound. May the fruits of Thy sal - va - tion  
In our hearts and lives a - bound; Ev - er faith - ful,  
Ev - er faith - ful To the Truth may we be found!

## Hymn

TLH 62 – Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

## General Prayer

### 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.

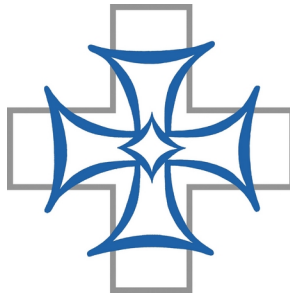
## Benediction

**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.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn

WS 709 – God Loves Me Dearly



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# TLH 387 (1-2, 4-6) – Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

Rom. 8: 28

Nun freut euch, liebe Christen g'mein

Martin Luther, 1523

Tr., Richard Massie, 1854, alt.

8. 7. 8. 7. 8. 8. 7.

Nun freut euch  
"Eulich' christliche Lieder"  
Wittenberg, 1524



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re-joice, With ex-ul-ta-tion spring-ing,  
2 Fast bound in Sa-tan's chains I lay, Death brooded dark-ly o'er me,  
4 But God be-held my wretch-ed state Be-fore the world's foun-da-tion,



And, with u-nit-ed heart and voice And ho-ly rap-ture sing-ing,  
Sin was my tor-ment night and day, In sin my moth-er bore me;  
And, mind-ful of His mer-cies great, He planned my soul's sal-va-tion.



Pro-claim the won-ders God hath done, How His right arm the  
Yea, deep and deep-er still I fell, Life had be-come a  
A fa-ther's heart He turned to me, Sought my re-demp-tion



vic-t'ry won; Right dear-ly it hath cost Him.  
liv-ing hell, So firm-ly sin pos-sessed me.  
fer-vent-ly: He gave His dear-est Trea-sure. A-men.



5 He spoke to His beloved Son:

'Tis time to have compassion.

Then go, bright Jewel of My crown,  
And bring to man salvation;

From sin and sorrow set him free,  
Slay bitter death for him that he  
May live with Thee forever.

6 The Son obeyed His Father's will,

Was born of virgin mother,  
And God's good pleasure to fulfil,  
He came to be my Brother.

No garb of pomp or power He wore,  
A servant's form, like mine, He bore,  
To lead the devil captive.



# TLH 105 (1-3, 6-8) – Praise God the Lord, Ye Sons of Men

Luke 2: 1-14

Lobt Gott, ihr Christen allzugleich

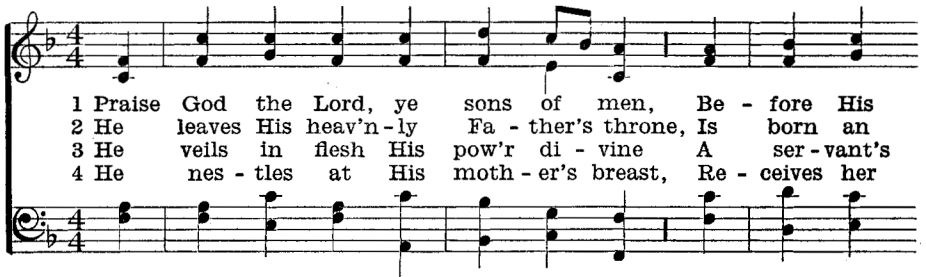
Nikolaus Herman, 1560

Tr., August Crull, †1923, alt.

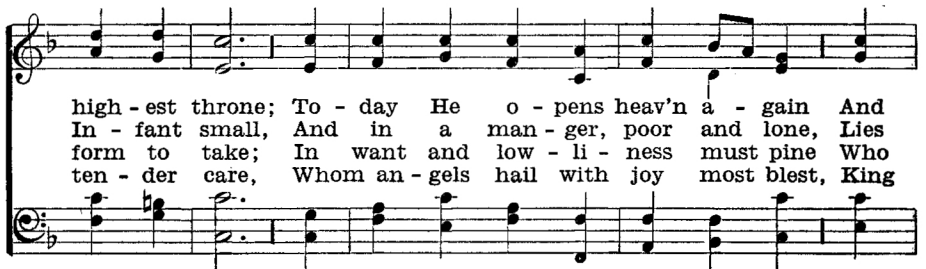
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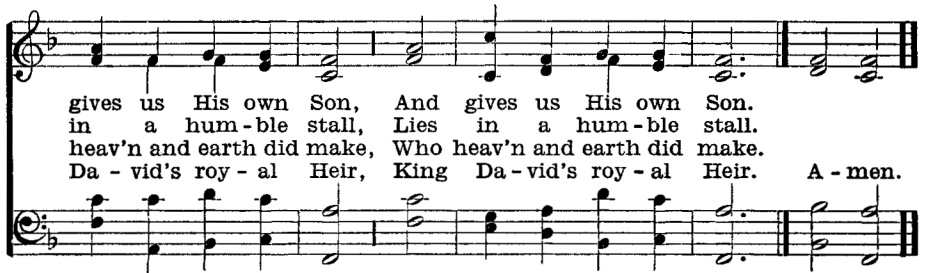
Nikolaus Herman, 1560



1 Praise God the Lord, ye sons of men, Be - fore His  
 2 He leaves His heav'n - ly Fa - ther's throne, Is born an  
 3 He veils in flesh His pow'r di - vine A ser - vant's  
 4 He nes - tles at His moth - er's breast, Re - ceives her



high - est throne; To - day He o - pens heav'n a - gain And  
 In - fant small, And in a man - ger, poor and lone, Lies  
 form to take; In want and low - li - ness must pine Who  
 ten - der care, Whom an - gels hail with joy most blest, King



gives us His own Son, And gives us His own Son.  
 in a hum - ble stall, Lies in a hum - ble stall.  
 heav'n and earth did make, Who heav'n and earth did make.  
 Da - vid's roy - al Heir, King Da - vid's roy - al Heir. A - men.

5 'Tis He who in these latter days  
 From Judah's tribe should come,  
 By whom the Father would upraise  
 The Church, His Christendom.

6 A wondrous change which He does make!  
 He takes our flesh and blood,  
 And He conceals for sinners' sake  
 His majesty of God.

7 He serves that I a lord may be;  
 A great exchange indeed!  
 Could Jesus' love do more for me  
 To help me in my need?

8 He opens us again the door  
 Of Paradise today;  
 The angel guards the gate no more.  
 To God our thanks we pay.

# TLH 62 – Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

Is. 59 : 20

8. 8. 8. 8. 8. 8.

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

Veni, Emmanuel

Latin author unknown, c. 1100

Plain-song melody, c. 1200

Tr., John M. Neale, 1851, 1859, ab.

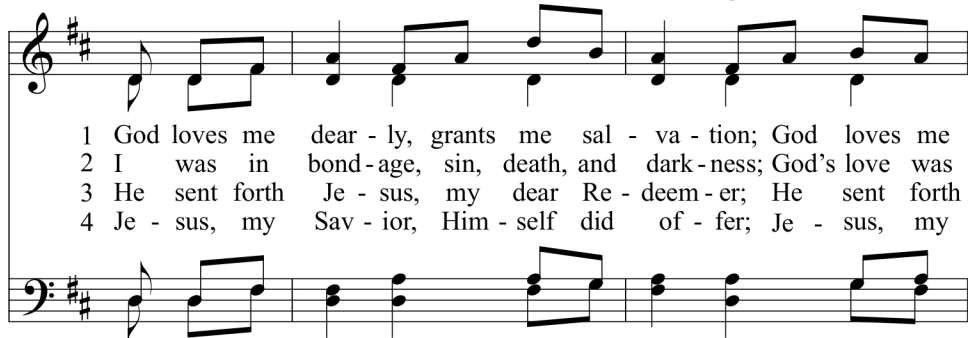
1 Oh, come, Oh, come, Em-man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive  
 2 Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jes - - se, free Thine own from Sa - tan's  
 3 Oh, come, Thou Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by Thy  
 4 Oh, come, Thou Key of Da - - vid, come And o - pen wide our

Is - - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - - ile here Un-  
 tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell Thy peo - ple save And  
 draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night And  
 heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that leads on high And

til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - jice! Re - jice! Em-  
 give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - jice! Re - jice! Em-  
 death's dark shad - ows put to flight. Re - jice! Re - jice! Em-  
 close the path to mis - er - y. Re - jice! Re - jice! Em-


man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - - ra - el.  
 man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - - ra - el.  
 man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - - ra - el.  
 man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - - ra - el. A-men.

## WS 709 – God Loves Me Dearly



1 God loves me dear - ly, grants me sal - va - tion; God loves me  
2 I was in bond - age, sin, death, and dark - ness; God's love was  
3 He sent forth Je - sus, my dear Re - deem - er; He sent forth  
4 Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Him - self did of - fer; Je - sus, my

*Refrain*



dear - ly, loves e - ven me.  
work - ing to make me free. There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me  
Je - sus and set me free.  
Sav - ior, paid all I owed.



dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, loves e - ven me.

Text: August Rische, 19th cent., abr.; tr. composite  
Tune: German folk tune

GOTT IST DIE LIEBE  
55 54 with Refrain

