



Midweek Advent
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the bulletin
with you.
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ADVENT WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN(tan hymnal) 701

INVOCATION

P: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

[Brief musical introduction]

♪♪ Oh, come, Oh, come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.

PSALM OF INTROSPECTION *Psalm 51:1-4 (NIV84)*

- P: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
- C: according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
- P: Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
- C: For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
- P: Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
- C: so that you are proved right when you speak
and justified when you judge.

GOSPEL PROMISE

- P: "Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD,
"Though your sins are like scarlet,
They shall be as white as snow;
Though they are red like crimson,
They shall be as wool."
(Isaiah 1:18 NKJV)

[Brief musical introduction]

♪♪ Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let every heart prepare a throne
And every voice a song.

He comes the prisoners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.

The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor.

ADVENT HISTORY READING *Luke 1:5-25*

A CONFESSION OF FAITH 🐉 *by Martin Luther*

C: 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 person,
purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and
from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but
with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering
and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him
in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness,
innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives
and reigns in eternity.

This is most certainly true.

HYMN *(red hymnal) 71*

SERMON READING *2 Peter 1:19-21 (NKJV)*

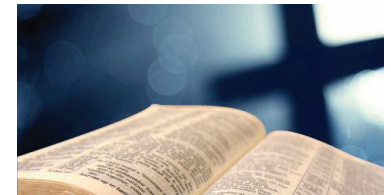
¹⁹ And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; ²⁰ knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, ²¹ for

prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke *as they were* moved by the Holy Spirit.

Sermon Theme:

**“The Holy Spirit works sight unseen
to make Christmas Possible.”**

*Verbal inspiration of the Bible:
The Holy Spirit accurately records
and preserves the details about the
Christ-child.*



[Brief musical introduction]

♪ Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
Make Thee a bed, soft, undefiled,
Within my heart, that it may be
A quiet chamber kept for Thee.

My heart for very joy doth leap,
My lips no more can silence keep;
I, too, must sing with joyful tongue
That sweetest ancient cradle-song:

Glory to God in highest heaven,
Who unto us His Son hath given!
While angels sing with pious mirth
A glad new year to all the earth.

PRAYER

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN *(red hymnal) 75*