



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 29, 2020

AS WE GATHER: Jesus as the Lord of the universe and the Son of God, has many names by which He is called. Each name gives us glimpses into who Christ is, what He came to do, and how He will come again on the last day. Each name also teaches us how we can call upon Jesus' name in faith by telling us more about who He is. In this Advent Sermon Series, "Hello His Name Is," we will be exploring the most prominent names that Jesus is given throughout Scripture. Advent is a season when we prepare to celebrate the coming of the Christ child, but it also is in preparation for Christ's second coming as we look forward to Christ's return on the last day. Philippians 2:10 states that on the last day "at the name of Jesus every knee should bow..." What is this name that everyone will bow before when Christ returns? We will take a journey throughout the Old Testament and the New Testament learning what it means that Jesus' name is...

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN #357, vs. 1-2 *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear. Refrain

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

2 O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go. Refrain

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: The Spirit and the Church cry out:

People: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: All those who await His appearance pray:

People: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: The whole creation pleads:

People: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

People: **The light no darkness can overcome.**

Pastor: Let Your light scatter the darkness

People: **And illumine Your Church.**

Pastor: The many names for Jesus recorded in the Bible allow us to know Jesus more fully. Job, the Old Testament man of faith, knew that the Redeemer of the world would someday raise him from death when he spoke these words, "I know that my Redeemer lives." We, too, live in hope of the resurrection and eternal life through Christ.

(The first candle is lit)

Pastor: Jesus, Son of God, come and ransom Your captive people.

People: **Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.**

Pastor: Jesus is the light of the world. A light no darkness can ever put out.

People: **Shine in our hearts, Lord Jesus**

HYMN #549, vs. 1-2

“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”

1 All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.
[Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown Him Lord of all.]

2 Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,
Who from His altar call;
Extol the stem of Jesse’s rod
And crown Him Lord of all.
[Extol the stem of Jesse’s rod
And crown Him Lord of all.]

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In the season of Advent, we prepare for Jesus to come. As we wait for His coming, we consider how unworthy we are to have Jesus in our presence, how crooked our world has become, and how unjust are our relationships. We come before the Lord in humility.

Silence for reflection.

Pastor: Heavenly Father,
People: **We confess that we have strayed from Your path. We have been selfish and cruel. We have treated our neighbors with injustice and prejudice. We have oppressed the weak in order to gain power. We long to return to You, but how are we to return?**

Pastor: God sent Jesus, our Redeemer, to bring salvation to the world through His death and resurrection. This salvation is complete, and Christ comes to you once again with forgiveness, life, and salvation. Hear these words of forgiveness, for they are from Christ Himself: As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the X Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen. “Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!”**

SONG OF PRAISE

#528, vs. 1-3

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of His grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad,
The honors of Thy name.
- 3 Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner’s ears,
'Tis life and health and peace.

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Stir up Your power, O Lord, our Redeemer, and
come,
People: That by Your protection we may be rescued
from the threatening perils of our sins and saved
by Your mighty deliverance;

Pastor: For You live and reign with the Father and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
People: Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE “Happy New Year!” Miss Heidi

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Job 19:25-27*

*For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.^[a]
²⁶And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,
²⁷whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!*

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand)

#353, vs. 1

“Jesus Came the Heavens Adoring”

Jesus came, the heav’ns adoring,
Came with peace from realms on high;
Jesus came to win redemption,
Lowly came on earth to die;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Came in deep humility.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:67-79

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁶⁷ And his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying,

⁶⁸ “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for he has visited and redeemed his people

⁶⁹ and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David,

⁷⁰ as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

⁷¹ that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us;

⁷² to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant,

⁷³ the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us

⁷⁴ that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear,

⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

⁷⁷ to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins,

⁷⁸ because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us^[a] from on high

⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

“Hello, His Name is...Redeemer”

Pastor Jeff Schubert

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please stand)

#461, vs. 1,2,7,8

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

APOSTLES' CREED

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

For the world in which we live, that our Creator would reveal Himself as the Redeemer of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Come, Redeemer, and fill our hearts with peace and joy!

Pastor: For the proclamation of the Gospel, that all who hear of Christ may repent and believe in Him, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Come, Redeemer, and fill our hearts with peace and joy!

Pastor: For all pastors, teachers, missionaries, and other servants of the Church, that they may guide others in lives of service and leadership, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Come, Redeemer, and fill our hearts with peace and joy!

Pastor: For our congregation, that we may love as we have been loved, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Come, Redeemer, and fill our hearts with peace and joy!

Pastor: For all who serve in positions of leadership in our government, along with those in our nation's military, that they would walk in faithfulness and integrity, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Come, Redeemer, and fill our hearts with peace and joy!

Pastor: For all who are broken in heart, mind, and body, that they may know the healing of Jesus in body, mind, and spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Come, Redeemer, and fill our hearts with peace and joy!

Pastor: For these and all other concerns we have, that coming before the throne of grace, we may find mercy to help us in our every need, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Come, Redeemer, and fill our hearts with peace and joy! Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be
gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you
peace.
People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

#341, vs. 1,3,5 *“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”*

- 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!
Behold, the King of glory waits.
The King of kings is drawing near;
The Savior of the world is here.
Life and salvation He doth bring;
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.
To God the Father raise
Your joyful songs of praise.

- 3 How blest the land, the city blest,
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!
O peaceful hearts and happy homes
To whom this King in triumph comes!
The cloudless sun of joy is He
Who comes to set His people free.
To God the Spirit raise
Your happy shouts of praise.

- 5 Redeemer, come and open wide
My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!
O enter with Thy grace divine;
Thy face of mercy on me shine.
Thy Holy Spirit guide us on
Until our glorious goal is won.
Eternal praise and fame
We offer to Thy name.

Lay Readers:

8:00AM: Nancy Niedziela

10:30AM: Dave Wangerin

Acolytes:

8:00AM: Sam Schneider & Andrew Benz

10:30AM: Eliana Fischer & Sydney Knutson

Sound:

8:00AM: Shannon Bader

10:30AM:

Elders:

8:00AM:

9:15AM:

10:30AM: