



MIDWEEK ADVENT WORSHIP

December 16, 2020

6:30pm

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...

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #345 *"Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding"*

- 1 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding!
 "Christ is near," we hear it say.
 "Cast away the works of darkness,
 All you children of the day!"

- 2 Startled at the solemn warning,
 Let the earthbound soul arise;
 Christ, its sun, all sloth dispelling,
 Shines upon the morning skies.

- 3 See, the Lamb, so long expected,
 Comes with pardon down from heav'n.
 Let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
 One and all, to be forgiv'n;

- 4 So, when next He comes in glory
 And the world is wrapped in fear,
 He will shield us with His mercy
 And with words of love draw near.

5 Honor, glory, might, dominion
To the Father and the Son
With the ever-living Spirit
While eternal ages run!

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
People: the light no darkness can overcome.

Pastor: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
People: and the day is almost over.

Pastor: Let Your light scatter the darkness
People: and illumine Your Church.

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

Pastor: Let us pray. Dear Jesus, in this world we have sin,
sickness, death, and brokenness - in a word, we
have darkness. At just the right time in this
world's darkness, a star shone its light leading
others to your birth, Jesus. The star may have
continued its orbit, but Your light would shine
during the works of Your life and would shine most
brightly in Your resurrection. Now that light
shines through the lives of those who follow You,
our Lord and Savior Jesus.
People: Amen.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:29-34

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first
chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

*The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said,
"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the
world!"³⁰ This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who
ranks before me, because he was before me.'³¹ I myself did not
know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water,
that he might be revealed to Israel."³² And John bore
witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove,
and it remained on him."³³ I myself did not know him, but he*

who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' 34 And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

MEDITATION "Hello, His Name is....Lamb of God"
Pastor Seth Flick

SONG #550

"Lamb of God"

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod,
And to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your Gift of love they crucified,
They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud,
And sacrificed the Lamb of God. Refrain...

I was so lost, I should have died,
But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod,
And to be called a lamb of God. Refrain...

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OUR OFFERINGS TO THE LORD

LITANY

Pastor: You, Lord, are our peace and our joy. The advent of Jesus brings us hope. In thanksgiving for Your goodness to us, we pray for peace among nations, peace between peoples, and peace in our hearts. Lord Jesus, the Church's Bridegroom,

People: **O Lamb of God, come and fill our hearts with peace and joy!**

Pastor: You, Lord, gather us together as Your people, calling us to worship You and to live out the Gospel by blessing our neighbors in our community. Guide us by Your Holy Spirit to fulfill what You would have us do in this world.

People: O Lamb of God, come and fill our hearts with peace and joy!

Pastor: You, Lord, provide leaders to our nation, our state, and our city. Guide all public servants to serve with integrity and to make laws and policies that promote human flourishing.

People: O Lamb of God, come and fill our hearts with peace and joy!

Pastor: You, Lord, came to us as a humble servant, a vulnerable baby born into an often hostile world. Guide us to clothe ourselves with humility, gentleness, and kindness, and not to succumb to the frequently hostile ways of the world in which we live.

People: O Lamb of God, come and fill our hearts with peace and joy!

Pastor: You, Lord, created all that exists and entrust us to be good stewards of it. Help us to care for Your creation in wise and responsible ways.

People: O Lamb of God, come and fill our hearts with peace and joy!

Pastor: You, Lord, never leave nor forsake those in any kind of need or trouble. Comfort those who suffer or mourn. Use us to bring Your presence and Your care to all in danger or need.

People: O Lamb of God, come and fill our hearts with peace and joy!

Pastor: Hear our prayers, Lord, in Your mercy. Grant what we ask according to Your will for the sake of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Janet Bahr, Principal

SONG *“Christmas Songs of Peace”*
 DRLS Grades 3 & 4

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the
 Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG *“He Came Down”*
 DRLS Grades 3 & 4

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