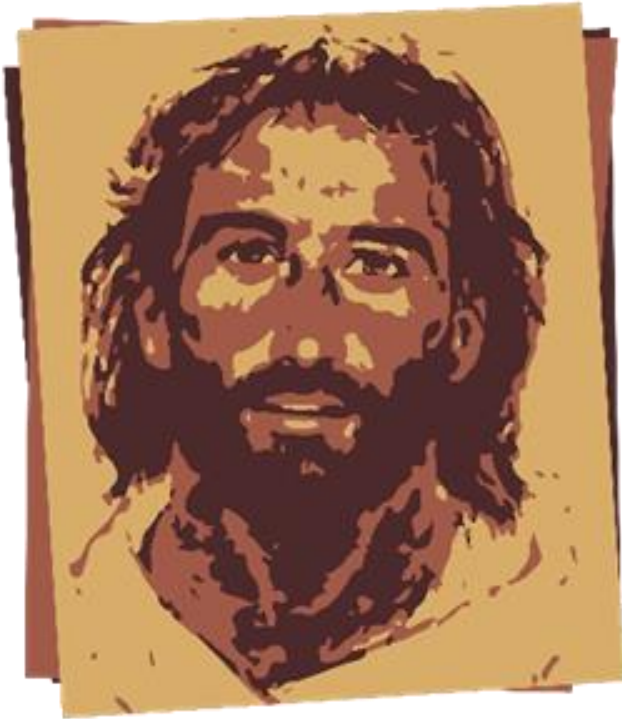


ADVENT MIDWEEK 1

December 2, 2020



Jesus: The Son of David

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Dawson Creek BC

AS WE GATHER

In his Gospel, before Matthew tells us about the birth of Jesus, he provides Jesus' family tree, His genealogy. Today, we consider how Jesus is the Son of David. Jesus is not only David's descendant but also his Lord. Although we, like David, are flawed sinners, the promise to David that his kingdom would be eternal comes down to us. Our Lord entered human history to wear a crown of thorns and die on the cross, His wooden "throne," so that we might enter heaven, the eternal Kingdom promised to His forebear David. The One whose birth we shall soon celebrate reigns today and forever in the Kingdom in which we are His grateful, forgiven subjects. Come quickly, Son of David.

OPENING SENTENCES *Jeremiah 23:5–6; Acts 2:34–35; Luke 1:32–33*

Pastor: Jeremiah wrote, "Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

People: **And this is the name by which He will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'**"

Pastor: David wrote, "The Lord said to my Lord,

People: **'Sit at My right hand, until I make Your enemies Your footstool.'**"

Pastor: Gabriel told Mary, "The Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David,

People: **and of His kingdom there will be no end."**

✠ PSALMODY ✠

PSALM *Psalms 145:1–13a; antiphon: v. 13a*

Pastor: David recognized that God's kingdom is eternal, continuing beyond earthly governments.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

I will extol You, my God and King,
and bless Your name forever and ever.

People: **Every day I will bless You
and praise Your name forever and ever.**

Pastor: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and His greatness is unsearchable.

People: **One generation shall commend Your works to
another,
and shall declare Your mighty acts.**

Pastor: On the glorious splendor of Your majesty,
and on Your wondrous works, I will meditate.

People: **They shall speak of the might of Your awesome
deeds,
and I will declare Your greatness.**

Pastor: They shall pour forth the fame of Your abundant
goodness
and shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.

People: **The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Pastor: The LORD is good to all,
and His mercy is over all that He has made.

People: **All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD,
and all Your saints shall bless You!**

Pastor: They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom
and tell of Your power,

People: **to make known to the children of man Your mighty
deeds,
and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.**

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and Your dominion endures throughout all
generations.**

GREAT O ANTIPHON

Pastor: One of the Great O Antiphons, to be used during the week preceding Christmas, calls Jesus the Key of David.

O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel, You open and no one can close,
You close and no one can open:

People: **Come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness and the shadow of death.**

HYMN #357 – “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel VS 1,3,5,7

✠ READINGS ✠

FIRST READING *Jeremiah 23:3–6*

Lector: Jeremiah writes that David’s coming Son will provide the righteousness we so desperately need. A reading from Jeremiah, chapter 23.

(The lesson is read.)

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING *Acts 2:22–36*

Lector: On Pentecost, Peter preaches that Jesus is greater than His ancestor David: He has conquered death. A reading from Acts, chapter 2.

(The lesson is read.)

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THIRD READING *Luke 1:26–33*

Lector: The angel Gabriel tells Mary that her baby will sit on David's throne to reign forever. A reading from Luke, chapter 1.

(The lesson is read.)

Lector: O Lord, have mercy on us.

People: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY *Based on Jeremiah 23:5–6; Acts 2:36; Luke 1:32–33*

Pastor: I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
People: and of His kingdom there will be no end.

Pastor: God has made Him both Lord and Christ,
People: and of His kingdom there will be no end.

Pastor: He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High,
People: and of His kingdom there will be no end.

Pastor: In the last stanza of the next hymn, we echo the acclamations of Palm Sunday and look toward praising our King in eternity.

OFFICE HYMN # 350 – “Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come”**SERMON**

✠ **PRAYER** ✠

SALUTATION

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

COLLECTS

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, guide and protect clergy and lay leaders of Your Church. Enable them to lift people's hearts and minds to look beyond global pandemics, natural disasters, and political unrest to see the eternal Kingdom, which You have graciously opened to all people who trust in You for life and health and peace. Bless those who till the soil, manage farms, transport supplies, and distribute food and clothing where they are needed. Son of David,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty Lord, give wisdom and courage to those who lead governments, command armed forces, and maintain order in society. Give them hearts to seek peace so that warfare with neighbor states and civil strife within them give way to prosperity, health, and cooperation. Increase our faith to depend on Your eternal promises of the better country that awaits us by grace. Son of Abraham,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Jesus, Light of the world, open the hearts of all who are burdened by their scandals and other past sins. Surround them with faithful people to tell them about Your coming in human history to give Yourself for them. Protect and guide all law enforcement personnel, first responders, health care workers, and counselors. Help them balance justice, mercy, and compassionate care so that many may have their lives repaired and hope restored. Son of scandal,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Gracious Lord, cared for by Your adopted human father, Joseph, remember people like him, those who have been forgotten, whether dispossessed, incarcerated, or isolated for any reason. Remember not their sins and

iniquities but give them a sense of Your abiding presence. Nurture in us all a love for Your will so that we obediently do whatever You ask. Son of Joseph,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Servant Savior, born in a stable to a lowly Virgin, remind us again that You turn the world's ways upside down. Give strength to the weak, lift up the downtrodden, provide hope for the despairing, announce peace to the distraught, and proclaim eternal forgiveness to all burdened by their sin. Son of Mary,

People: **hear our prayer.**

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Pastor: Lord Jesus, Son of David, in You the Father's promise of an eternal throne for David came true.

People: **Grant us faith to serve You each day, keep us aware of the forgiveness which You won for us by Your obedient life, sacrificial death, and glorious resurrection.**

Pastor: Son of David,
People: **hear our prayer.**

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

People: I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

People: **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.**

BENEDICAMUS

Pastor: **Let us bless the Lord.
People:** **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: **The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son,
 and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.
People:** **Amen.**

HYMN #878 – “Abide with Me” Vs 1,3,6

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