

Christmas Day A Psalm 98:1–4; antiphon: Isaiah 9:6

P For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

C Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

P The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

C He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

P Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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CATECHISM

The Second Article—Redemption

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.

What does this mean?

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, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, 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, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

LEARN BY HEART

Matthew 1:21

She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”

COLLECT

Almighty God, grant that the birth of Your only-begotten Son in the flesh may set us free from the bondage of sin; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Num 6:22–27; Gal 3:23–29; Luke 2:21

INVOCATION

INTROIT (front page)

MEDITATION: *Portals of Prayer* and Catechism

LEARN BY HEART: Bible Verse (front page)

DAILY READINGS:

SU:	12/25	Ecclesiastes 4:1–16	John 7:32–53
M:	12/26	Ecclesiastes 5:1–20	John 8:1–20
T:	12/27	Ecclesiastes 6:1—7:10	John 8:21–38
W:	12/28	Ecclesiastes 7:11–29	John 8:39–59
TH:	12/29	Ecclesiastes 8:1–17	John 9:1–23
F:	12/30	Ecclesiastes 9:1–17	John 9:24–41
SA:	12/31	Ecclesiastes 10:1–20	John 10:1–21

HYMN OF THE MONTH: LSB #357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

APOSTLES’ CREED**IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:**

- For the Church and her pastors; for teachers, deaconesses, and other church workers
- **Birthdays this upcoming week:** Bong; Jonathon; Kara; Jane
- **Baptism Birthdays this upcoming week:** Karlene; Pati; Scott

COLLECT (front page); **LORD’S PRAYER**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious unto us. The Lord lift up His countenance upon us and give us peace.

C Amen