

Be Born in Us:

Bringing Power



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Immanuel Lutheran Church

*Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power, your right hand, O
Lord, shatters the enemy. Exodus 15:6*

Prelude
Ringing of Bells
Welcome

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 367 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P As we draw near to the celebration of Jesus' birth, we remember this day how the Christ Child came in great power. And yet his power was hidden in weakness. The little child who was wrapped in swaddling cloths and laid in a manger in Bethlehem, is "the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Corinthians 1:24).

C **Holy Child of Bethlehem, be born in us today. You came in power to save us!**

P The power of God to save is revealed in Christ Jesus—in his humble manger bed, in his weakness and suffering on the cross, and in the empty tomb on the day of his resurrection! "The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18).

C **Holy Child of Bethlehem, be born in us today. Lord Jesus, you are glorious in both power and majesty!**

P Let us confess our sins to God, our Father, and ask His forgiveness.

C **Almighty God, so often we turn away from your Word and your holy will to follow our own desires and the temptations of the world around us. We fail to love others as we should. And we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. Have mercy on us and forgive us.**

P Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of Christ, announce the grace of God unto all of you: For the Lord God has sent his Son to be your Savior. In weakness, the Son of God, Jesus our Lord, died on the cross for you. In power he rose from the dead in triumph over sin, death, and the devil. Upon your confession, then, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, Forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. The message of the cross is the power of God for our salvation!**

Hymn: O Little Town of Bethlehem *v. 4* *(LSB 361)*

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| O holy Child of Bethlehem, | We hear the Christmas angels |
| Descend to us, we pray; | The great glad tidings tell; |
| Cast out our sin, and enter in, | O come to us, abide with us, |
| Be born in us today. | Our Lord Immanuel! |

Collect of the Day

Hymn: Let All Together Praise Our God *vv.3-4* (LSB 389)

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| 3. Within an earthborn form He hides His all-creating light; To serve us all He humbly cloaks The splendor of His might, The splendor of His might. | 4. He undertakes a great exchange, Puts on our human frame, And in return gives us His realm, His glory, and His name, His glory, and His name. |
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Old Testament Reading

Exodus 15:1-18

¹Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,

“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

²The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him,
my father’s God, and I will exalt him.

³The LORD is a man of war;
the LORD is his name.

⁴“Pharaoh’s chariots and his host he cast into the sea,
and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

⁵The floods covered them;
they went down into the depths like a stone.

⁶Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

⁷In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries;
you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.

⁸At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;
the floods stood up in a heap;
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

⁹The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake,
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’

¹⁰You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

¹¹“Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

¹²You stretched out your right hand;
the earth swallowed them.

¹³“You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have
redeemed;
you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

¹⁴The peoples have heard; they tremble;

pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia.

¹⁵Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed;
trembling seizes the leaders of Moab;
all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.

¹⁶Terror and dread fall upon them;
because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone,
till your people, O LORD, pass by,
till the people pass by whom you have purchased.

¹⁷You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,
the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.

¹⁸The LORD will reign forever and ever.”

Epistle

Galatians 4:3–7

³In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Stand

Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15–17

¹⁵As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered them all, saying, “I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sit

Hymn of the Day #LSB 332 *vv.1-2,4-6 Savior of the Nations, Come*

Sermon

Reflection Hymn #LSB 549 *vv.1-4 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Stand

Prayers of The Church

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Departing Hymn #LSB 349

Hark the Glad Sound