

**SERMON**

*"If You Say So"*

ELW 104

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**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**BUCKET OF BUCKS:** ATLAS of OSCEOLA COUNTY

**OFFERING**

*"How Great Is Our God"*

Jackie Glade & Bev Nappe

How Great is Our God

- 1) The splendor of the King, Clothed in majesty;  
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.  
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,  
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

**(Chorus) How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God! And all will see how great, how great, is our God!**

- 2) And age to age, He stands; And time is in His hands;  
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.  
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,  
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

**(Chorus) How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God! And all will see how great, how great, is our God! (2x)**

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**BENEDICTION**

Chimes/Silence for Reflection

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLOSING HYMN**

*"Angels, from the Realms of Glory"*

ELW 275

**DISMISSAL**

Congregation Response: *"Thanks be to God!"*

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OF

Advent

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## PRELUDE

**CALL TO WORSHIP** The message of both John the Baptist (Matthew 3:2) and Jesus (Matthew 4:17)

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near!"

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

**OPENING HYMN**                      *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*                      ELW 257  
Vss. 1,2,7,8

## GREETING

Pastor:                      Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father.

**People:**                      **To whom be the glory forever and ever! Amen**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader:                      In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep.

**People:**                      **While a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.**

Leader:                      Then God said, "Let there be light!" and there was light.

**People:**                      **And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.**

Leader:                      The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light!

**People:**                      **Those who lived in a land of deep darkness—on them light has shined!**

Leader:                      This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light!

**People:**                      **And in him there is no darkness at all!**

Leader:                      If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness;

**People:**                      **We lie and do not do what is true.**

Leader:                      But, if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light;

**People:**                      **We have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin!**

Leader:                      If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves.

**People:**                      **And the truth is not in us.**

Leader:                      If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins!

**People:**                      **And cleanse us from all unrighteousness!**

**People:**                      **Almighty God, merciful Father: I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen**

Leader:                      In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

In Unison

Merciful and most high God, creator and giver of life, you have called all people from darkness into light, from error into truth, from death into life. Grant grace to each of us. Raise us by your Spirit. Revive us by your word. Form us by your hand. Bring us to the water of life and to the bread and cup of blessing, that with all your people, we may bear witness to your grace and praise you forever! Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## SPECIAL MUSIC

*"O Come, Little Children"*

Adult Choir

## FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 7:10-16*

NRSV p. 636

## SECOND LESSON

*Romans 1:1-7*

NRSV p. 152

## GOSPEL

*Matthew 1:18-25*

NRSV p. 1