

Concordia Lutheran Conference

Daily Devotions

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for the

First Sunday in Advent

– Wednesday –

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In His days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is His name whereby He shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. – Jeremiah 23:5-6.

The promise which said that through his seed – which seed is Christ – all the nations of the earth should be blessed, had passed from Abraham unto Isaac, from Isaac unto Jacob, called Israel, through Israel to Judah, and through Judah to King David, who lived a thousand years before Christ. And henceforth the believers called the expected Messiah – or Christ – the “*Son of David*.” The prophets then often foretold many things concerning Him. And about six hundred years before Christ, the Prophet Jeremiah spoke the words found at the head of this lesson. The Lord Jehovah would become the Son of David and help His people by becoming their righteousness wherewith they might stand before God. And then, as their rightful King, He would execute judgment in the land, and for time and eternity clothe them with righteousness and salvation. And the children of Israel sang: “*Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest! Blessed be the kingdom of our father David, that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest! Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven and glory in the highest!*” And when Christ had come and was entering Jerusalem, the people sang, and the children in the temple sang unto Him this song of praise. And do you, O Christian, also sing to Him with heart and mouth, just as now our own children also sing to Him, “*Hosanna in the highest!*”

PRAYER. – I give thanks to Thee – Lord Jesus Christ – Thou great Lord Jehovah and Son of David, that Thou hast come to us miserable and lost sinners, and hast established eternal help and deliverance for us. In Thee we have that righteousness – in which we stand before God – and eternal salvation. Now help us, Thy beloved Christians, that in true faith, we honor, laud, and praise Thee, our true King, and serve and obey Thee with cheerful hearts as long as we live. And finally, take us where we shall praise Thee forevermore with the choir of angels, O Lord Jesus.

Amen.

My hosannas and my palms Graciously receive, I pray Thee;
Evermore, as best I can, Savior, I will homage pay Thee,
And in faith I will embrace, Lord, Thy merit through Thy grace.

Hail, Hosanna, David’s Son! Help, Lord, hear our supplication!
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown, Bring us blessing and salvation,
That forever we may sing: Hail, hosanna! to our King.

Hymn 55, 3. 4.

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9:2-7

Theme: The Promise of His Coming