

(Topics and Lead-in Below)

God Is with Us! Alleluia!

TUNE: All Creatures of Our God and King (LASST UNS ERFREUEN)

Isaiah 7:14

♩ = 64 Unison

D D Bm G/B A sus A A/G D/F# G

1. His name is called Em - man - u - el- More
2. Re - joice, and lay a - side your fear. Re -
3. Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise

D/F# A/E D Bm G/B A sus A A/G D/F# DM7/F# G D

won - der - ful than words can tell. God is with us!
joice, the Ho - ly One is here. God is with us!
Him, all crea - tures here be - low. God is with us!

Bm A/C# Bm7/D E A D/F# Em7 D A/C# Bm7 GM7/B G/B

Al - le - lu - ia! Born in our dark - ness, He is
Al - le - lu - ia! Lift up Your voic - es, come and
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise Him a - bove, ye heav - 'nly

A sus A A/G D/F# A sus/G D/F# A7/E D G/B D/A G D/F# A/E D A/C#

Light. Born in our weak - ness, He is Might.
sing, Come wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.
host. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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G B Bm A G6 A G D F# Em7 D F# G6 A7 Bm A C# D6 E A

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Bm7 F#m C# D6 Em7 A C# F#m D# Em GM7 F# G6 A A7 D

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

TOPICS: Advent; Christmas

LEAD-IN: “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.”
(Matthew 1:23, NIV)

LEAD-IN DEVOTIONAL READING:

The Word

Hear John 1:1-5:

*In the beginning was the Word, and
the Word was with God, and
the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God.*

*All things came into being through Him, and
apart from Him nothing came into being
that has come into being.*

*In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men.
The Light shines in the darkness, and
the darkness did not overpower* it.
(NASB; *optional reading)*

Matthew’s gospel focuses on showing the Jews that Jesus is their promised Messiah. Thus he begins with Jesus’ human genealogy, proving that Jesus descended from King David.

John’s gospel focuses on Jesus’ relationship with God, His Father. Therefore he begins with Jesus’ divine genealogy. He says:

In the beginning,
the very beginning,
before anything else was,
Jesus was already there with God the Father.
They were two persons
but one life,
one Being,
one God.

Jesus is the Word, the full and perfect Word,
spoken from the Father's great heart to us.
All that the Father wills,
the Son makes reality.
All that the Father's love imagines,
all the life,
all the light,
all the riches of His own being,
are born in our world...and in us...
through Jesus Christ.

*Father,
may Jesus Christ be all that You want Him to be
in my thinking,
my speaking, and
my doing.
I want to be one with You in Him.*

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