

O Come, Emmanuel

Advent- Week 1
Come, O Wisdom



1st Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

We preach Christ crucified ...Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 1 Corinthians 1:23-24

Welcome to our Advent worship series, O Come, Emmanuel. Each week in the series focuses on a different O antiphon that highlights a specific aspect of Christ that enhances our life in him. In our worship for today we look at the O Wisdom antiphon and rejoice in the great guidance Christ provides for us.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

HYMN

Angels, from the Realms of Glory
**Angels, from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Once you sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth;
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ the new born King.**

INVOCATION & ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

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

Amen.

For centuries, the church has used through Advent a series of antiphons, or responses, to prepare our hearts to celebrate Christ's birth. These seven responses, names and titles for our Savior, are often called the "O Antiphons," familiar to us in the hymn, "O Come, O Come,

Emmanuel.” We light the first candle on the Advent wreath in praise to Christ, who is the Wisdom of God. The apostle John writes, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God...”

All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made”.

The apostle Paul writes, “For by [Christ] all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together”.

O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care.

Come show your people the way to salvation.

HYMN

O, Come, O Come Emmanuel
O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord Jesus, Word and Wisdom of God,

you came among us as a helpless infant, and now you are exalted to rule over all creation. Crucified and risen Lord, all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to you. Rule over us in wisdom and love. Lead us by your Spirit to walk in your ways, through this Advent season and always. Help us to be bold and faithful witnesses for you so that others will come to know and worship you as Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:8-13

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the Lord, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:20-25

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 7:24-29

“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great

was the fall of it.” And when Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he was teaching them as one who had authority, and not as their scribes.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Come, O Wisdom

HYMN

O, Come, O Come Emmanuel
O Come, thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord’rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show
And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel!

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father,

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

We preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks,

Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

May the Lord of peace give you peace at all times in every way. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN *If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

**If you but trust in God to guide you
with gentle hand through all your ways,
you'll find that God is there beside you
when crosses come, in trying days.
Trust then in God's unchanging love;
build on the rock that will not move.**

**The Lord our restless hearts is holding,
in peace and quietness content.
We rest in God's good will unfolding,
what wisdom from on high has sent.
God, who has chosen us by grace,
knows very well the fears we face.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the Good News.

Thanks be to God!

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Special Meeting of the Congregation

Sunday, December 6

Following Worship in the OSL Parking Lot

Agenda: Adoption of the following resolution in preparation of our annual meeting in January.

Be it resolved that Our Savior's Lutheran Church amend the Constitution, Bylaws, and Continuing Resolutions by addition of C10.08 of the Model Constitution for Congregations, stating:

C10.08. *This congregation may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, as long as there is an opportunity for simultaneous aural communication. To the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meetings may be provided electronically.*



We Lift in Prayer...

- *Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the family and friends of Kerry Arledge, Rev. Leon Schulz (cousin of Margie Neugebauer) Doris Weitschat; David Morrison
- *Those recovering from COVID, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including Adele (mother of Lori James), Evelyn Weaver (Grandmother of Brian Weaver), Larry & Vicki Mills; Randy (Shotgun) & Terri Schumack; Julie Neugebauer; Adare Diers, Pastor Art Weitschat; the Northcutt family; Kerri, Lisa Jasmer (sister-in-law of Pastor Deb)
- *Those with on-going health concerns, including Peg Tesch, Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Pepper (nephew of Mike & Dianna Baschnagel)
- *For those in long-term care facilities
- *For our hospital and prison chaplains
- *Our firefighters and those whose lives have been changed because of fires, our first responders and our frontline & health care workers.
- *For our teachers and school staff, administrators and school board members
- *For our leaders at every level, including President Trump, VP Pence, President-Elect Biden, VP-Elect Harris, Governor Noem, Presiding Bishop Eaton and Bishop Hagmaier and their staffs
- *For our siblings in Christ, our friends and our enemies both near and far

Virtual Art Show

November 29 - December 5, 2020

Pine Ridge Retreat Center is hosting a virtual art show to support artists from the Pine Ridge Reservation. From the staff at Pine Ridge: November 29 - December 5 pineridgereconciliationcenter.org/artshowArtwork, Beadwork, Lakota crafts and more. Makes great Christmas gifts. Join us in supporting artists from the Pine Ridge Reservation!

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today, Sunday, November 29

First Sunday of Advent

9:30am Worship in the building and online

6:00-8:30pm HS Youth Group @ OSL- Birthday supper for Gage and Advent games

Monday, November 30th

9:30am Advent Bible Study with Pastor Deb via Zoom

5:30pm Advent Bible Study with Pastor Deb in church and via Zoom
Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

Tuesday, December 1st

Pastor Deb off

Wednesday, December 2nd

Watch for the DOG Night Lesson Drop

Thursday, December 3rd

7:00pm Online Advent Bible Study with Chelle

Zoom meeting ID: 866 0644 8843 Password: 372054

Next Sunday, December 6th

Second Sunday of Advent

9:30am Worship with Communion in the parking lot and online

Following Worship Special Congregational Meeting

5:00pm Confirmation Gathering at OSL and/or online

7-8:30pm HS Youth Group at OSL



Wreaths for Sale \$15.00 each

Made by members of the OSL Community HS Youth Group Fundraiser for future trips
We have the one pictured left to sell, and still have a few to make.
Please let Pastor Deb or Josie know your color preferences and we can get one made for you!

Mission of the Moment

Local Angel Tree

The Mission Committee is excited to announce we will be working with LSS of Rapid City, the Hermosa School and Relator's for Kids again this year to provide Christmas gifts for local children as well as the youth who are a part of the Arise program. We want everyone who desires to be able to participate safely, so we have made some adjustments this year.

How to participate in the 2020 Local Angel Tree Mission

1. Donate financially to the OSL Angel Tree Mission of the Moment beginning now through December 31st. Cash or checks (write Mission on the memo line) can be mailed or dropped off at the church. Give online through Tith.ly (drop down menu has Mission of the Moment option.) Pastor Deb and the OSL Community HS Youth Group will take these donations and shop for gifts remaining on the gift registry on December 13th. (Pastor Deb will shop for any last-minute gift requests we receive.)
2. Gift List Registry- As we receive wish lists from LSS and the school, Pastor Deb and Josie will combine the requests to complete a gift list registry. If you desire to purchase gifts yourself or order something online, please contact Josie for the list of gifts. Let Josie know what you choose and purchase the gift. Drop off the unwrapped gift at the church. Or if you order online, have the gift delivered to the church. 386 Main Street Hermosa SD 57744
3. The Mission Committee will be wrapping the gifts on Tuesday, December 15th beginning at 10am in the church basement. Contact Joy Neugebauer if you would like to be a part of the wrapping team. Wrapping supplies will be furnished.

