

# O Come, Emmanuel

Advent- Week 3  
Come, O Branch of Jesse



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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

December 13, 2020

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**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 response, O Branch of Jesse and rejoice that we are part of God's family tree through Jesus.*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**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!*

**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 responses, names and titles for our Savior, to prepare our hearts to celebrate Christ's birth. Today, we light the third candle on the Advent wreath.*

*in praise to Christ, who is the Branch of Jesse and the Son of David. The Lord said to David, "I will raise up your offspring after you ... and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever".*

***The prophet Isaiah said, "There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.***

*And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,*

***The Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord".***

*O Flower of Jesse's stem, you have been raised up as a sign for all peoples; kings stand silent in your presence; the nations bow down in worship before you.*

***Come, Lord Jesus, Root of Jesse, Son of David, and rule over us as our King.***

**HYMN**

***O, Come, O Come Emmanuel***

***O come, O Branch of Jesse,***

***Free your own from Satan's tyranny;***

***From depths of hell your people save,***

***And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.***

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel***

***Shall come to thee, O Israel***

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.*

*Almighty God,*

***you kept your promise to send forth a Son of David, a shoot from the stump of Jesse, to save us. You keep your promises, but we do not keep ours. Although we promise to remain faithful to you, we often turn against your will to follow our own sinful desires. We listen to the tempting voices of the world around us instead of listening to your Word. We sin against you every day in our thoughts, words and actions. Have mercy on us and forgive us.***

*God in his mercy sent forth his Son to be our Savior. Born into the royal line of David, Jesus laid down his life as the perfect sacrifice for our sins. He was raised in glory and now rules over us as our King. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

**Jesus, King of kings and Lord of lords, lead us to live as your redeemed people and citizens of your kingdom.**

### **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**

*Almighty God, you promised David, the son of Jesse, that one of his descendants would reign forever.*

**When the right time came, you fulfilled your promise and a living shoot grew from the stump a Jesse; a branch sprang up from his roots. Jesus our Lord was rightly called the Son of David. He is the royal Son, the promised King, who rules over our lives now and for all eternity. By the power of your Spirit, make us willing servants and subjects of our King. Lead us to walk in love as Jesus walked, to be witnesses for him and to welcome others into his kingdom so that they too might worship him as King of kings and Lord of lords. Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 11:1-6

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear, but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Romans 15:8-9, 12-13

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name." ... And again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Matthew 1:18-25

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

## **SERMON**

*Come, O Branch of Jesse*

## **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

*Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### BENEDICTION

“Isaiah says, ‘The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;

**In him will the Gentiles hope.’**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,

**So that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”**

“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

Amen

#### SENDING HYMN *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,**

**hope of all the earth thou art,**

**dear desire of ev'ry nation, joy of ev'ry longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver, born a child, and yet a king;  
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.**

# DISMISSAL

*Go in peace. Share the Good News.*

**Okay, we will. Thanks be to God!**

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## *We Lift in Prayer...*

- \*Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the family and friends of Adele (mother of Lori James),
- \*Those recovering from COVID, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including Darius, Evelyn Weaver (Grandmother of Brian Weaver), Marlene (Aunt of Jason Virtue)
- \*Those with on-going health concerns, including Larry Mills, Randy (Shotgun) Schumack, 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

**Wreaths for Sale**  
**\$15.00 each**

**Crystal Centerpieces**  
**for Sale**  
**\$30.00 each**

Made by members of the OSL Community HS Youth Group  
Fundraiser for future trips

Please check out our Facebook page or website for all available wreaths and centerpieces. And thank you for supporting our youth.

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Website: [www.oslhermosa.com](http://www.oslhermosa.com)

# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Today, Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Third Sunday of Advent "Come, O Root of Jesse"*

**9:30am** Worship in the building and also streamed online

Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

**3:00-7:00pm** HS Youth Group- Supper and Buying Gifts for the Angel Tree-meet @ OSL

## **Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**

**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 15<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00am** Christmas wrapping party @ OSL

## **Wednesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

Watch for the DOG Night bedtime story online

## **Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

**3:00-5:00pm** Hermosa/Fairburn Community Food Bank Open

**7:00pm** Online Advent Bible Study with Chelle

Zoom meeting ID: 866 0644 8843 Password: 372054

## **Next Sunday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent "Come, O Key of David"*

**9:30am** Worship with Holy Communion @ OSL and Streamed Online

**Following Worship** Church Council Meeting

**5:00pm** Confirmation Gathering on Zoom

**6:30-8:30pm** HS Youth Group at OSL

## **A Prayer to help those in need this Christmas.**

May my family and friends who need  
a Christmas miracle be blessed.

May whoever is feeling  
weak during the festive  
season be given strength.

May all of those who are  
carrying heavy burdens  
this Christmas have their  
load lightened.



# 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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 13<sup>th</sup>. (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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.





Are You Coming To Christmas Eve Services @ OSL? We need to know which service you would like to attend!

2:00pm Candlelight Service with Holy Communion- In person worship and also live stream on Facebook and YouTube  
(live stream can be accessed anytime after 2pm)

4:00pm Candlelight Service with Holy Communion - In person worship and also live stream on Facebook and YouTube  
(live stream can be accessed anytime after 4pm)

6:00pm Candlelight Service with Holy Communion - In person worship  
8:00pm A Quiet Christmas Service- Candlelight and Holy Communion- this service is for those wishing to worship but are grieving, not feeling very "Christmacy" or just need a break from the chaos and hustle/bustle of the season -In person worship and also live streamed on Facebook and YouTube (live streamed can be accessed anytime after 8pm)

We want to offer as many opportunities for you to worship in the building as possible. But due to COVID, and the need to follow CDC guidelines, as well as try and keep each other safe, we can only allow a certain number of people at each service.

So please, call or email the church office and reserve your spot for Christmas Eve Services. 255-4662 [osl@mt-rushmore.net](mailto:osl@mt-rushmore.net)

We will have spaces for visitors at each service. No one will be turned away. Masks will be required.

