

O Come, Emmanuel

Advent- Week 4
Come, O Key of David



4th Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2020

I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. Isaiah 22:22

Welcome to our Advent worship series, O Come, Emmanuel. Each week in the series focuses on a different response that highlights a specific aspect of Christ that enhances our life in him. In our worship for today we look at the antiphon O Key of David and rejoice that Jesus unlocks the door to heaven for us.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

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. We sing these responses in the familiar hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." Today, we light the fourth candle on the Advent wreath in praise to Christ, who holds the Key of David, who is himself the Key who opens heaven to us. Through the prophet Isaiah, God said, "I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David." "He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open".

O Key of David, O royal Power of Israel, controlling at your will the gate of heaven; come, break down the prison walls of death for those

*who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death;
And lead your captive people into freedom.*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

through Christ our Savior you have opened to us the door to eternal life, yet so often we lock our hearts and minds against you. We turn from your will and Word and follow our own selfish desires. We have sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions. Have mercy on us and forgive us.

God in mercy sent his Son to be our Savior. By his death and resurrection, Jesus has unlocked for us the door to eternal life; he has set us free. 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.

Lord Jesus, lead us to live as people who have been set free!

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!

O come, thou Key of David, come,

And open wide our heav'nly home;

Make safe the way that leads on high,

And close the path to misery.

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

Almighty God, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of your Son, Jesus, we rejoice in the salvation we have through faith in his name.

He is the Key and the Door, and his is the only name by which

we are saved. Through his death and resurrection, he has unlocked the kingdom of heaven to us. In him we have forgiveness for our sins. Through this Advent season, into Christmas and the New Year, help us by your Spirit to share the good news of forgiveness with others, so they too will come to know and worship Jesus as Lord. Hear our prayer in his name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 22:20-23

In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your sash on him, and will commit your authority to his hand. And he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him like a peg in a secure place, and he will become a throne of honor to his father's house.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 3:7-13

And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: "The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens. I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. Behold, I will make those of the synagogue of Satan who say that they are Jews and are not, but lie—behold, I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and they will learn that I have loved you. Because you have kept my word about patient endurance, I will keep you from the hour of trial that is coming on the whole world, to try those who dwell on the earth. I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. The one who conquers, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God. Never shall he go out of it, and I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down from my God out of heaven, and my own new name. He who

has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16:13-19

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Come, O Key of David

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.

OFFERING & CAROLING

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice
now ye need not fear the grave; Jesus Christ was born to save**

Calls you one and calls you all to gain the everlasting hall.

Christ was born to save! Christ was born to save!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

*“The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David,
who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no one opens ...*

**Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is
able to shut.”**

*Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every
way. The Lord be with you all.*

Amen.

SENDING HYMN *Hark, the Glad Sound!*

**Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,
the Savior promised long;**

let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,

Your welcome shall proclaim,

And heav'n's eternal arches ring with your beloved name.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the Good News.

Okay, we will. Thanks be to God!



We Lift in Prayer...

- *Those who are grieving losses of any sort, including the family and friends of Adele (mother of Lori James); Brad (friend of Carmen Lakner)
- *Those recovering from COVID, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including John Sunding; Darius Hunsaker; 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
- *For those whom the holiday season is very hard



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- @ OSL and Live online
- 4:00pm** Candlelight Service with Holy Communion @ OSL and Live online
- 6:00pm** Candlelight Service with Holy Communion - In person worship only
- 8:00pm** A Quiet Christmas Service- Candlelight and Holy Communion- @ OSL and Live online- For those needing some peace this holiday season

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. Masks will be required 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Services

Today, Sunday, December 20th

Fourth Sunday of Advent- Come, O Key of David

9:30am Worship with Holy Communion @ OSL and Live on Facebook and YouTube

Following Worship- Church Council Meeting

5:00pm Confirmation on Zoom

6:30-8:30pm HS Youth Group @ OSL

Monday, December 21st

First Day of Winter

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

Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

Wednesday, December 23rd

Watch for the DOG Night Bedtime Story Online

Thursday, December 24th

Christmas Eve- Church office closed

Services at 2:00, 4:00, 6:00, 8:00

(See schedule on page

Friday, December 25th

Christmas Day

Next Sunday, December 27th

1st Sunday of Christmas

9:30am Worship @ OSL and Live on Facebook and YouTube

No HS Youth Group



Pastor Deb and the Church Council would like the congregation of OSL to ponder and pray. There are two (3 year term) Council positions that will be opening up with our annual meeting in January, as well as one alternate position. We are looking for 3 people to fill the spots needed on the Church Council.

Is this something you would be interested in doing? Do you know of someone that would be great to fill a position? Do you know someone that may be interested in filling a position? If the answer is yes to any of these questions, please let Pastor Deb or any Council member know. Thank 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 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.)

Mission Updates

As of December 15, \$1350 and multiple gifts have been given to the Angel Tree Mission of the Moment. Calli, Jayden, Gage, Wylie, Tammy, Gloria and Pastor Deb had a great afternoon of shopping to purchase gifts. Thanks to the amazing wrapping team of Joy, Carmen, Judy, Gwen, Carol, Adare, Linda and Tammy 66 gifts have been wrapped. Pastor Deb will be purchasing and wrapping the remaining last-minute gifts so they can be delivered before Christmas. A huge thank you to the OSL family of faith for your continued annual support of this incredibly important way God's love is spread to the most vulnerable among us.

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.

