

# *O Come, Emmanuel Advent Series*

Trinity and Mt. Hope Lutheran Churches  
Gaylord and Grayling, Michigan

## **Order of Service**

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

**Advent Midweek 2 – “Come, O Root of Jesse”**

*(Service of Prayer and Preaching from the Lutheran Service Book p. 260 ff.)*

*Theme Verse: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. Isaiah 11:1*

**OPENING HYMN** – “Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come” (*Lutheran Service Book # 350*)

### **LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: For centuries, the Church has used during 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 second candle on the Advent wreath in praise to Christ, who is the Root 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” (2 Samuel 7:12-13).

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

P: “And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,

C: **The Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord” (Isaiah 11:1-2).**

P: O Branch of Jesse’s tree, 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.

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

### **OPENING VERSES**

P: This is the day which the Lord has made;

C: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Psalm 118:24*

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

*Psalm 113:3*

P: Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

C: **Our God shall come; he does not keep silence.**

*Psalm 50:2-3a*

*Isaiah 40:3*

P: Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: **Make his paths straight.**

*Isaiah 45:8*

P: Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.

C: **Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.**

*Psalms 113:3*

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **OLD TESTAMENT 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> 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,

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

*Romans 15:8-9, 12-13*

<sup>8</sup> 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, <sup>9</sup> 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.”

<sup>12</sup> And again Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse will come,  
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him will the Gentiles hope.”

<sup>13</sup> 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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 1:18-25*

<sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. <sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” <sup>22</sup> All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

<sup>23</sup> “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means, God with us). <sup>24</sup> When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, <sup>25</sup> but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## RESPONSORY

*Jeremiah 23:5a, 6b*

P: Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord,  
when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C: **This is the name by which He will be called:  
The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

*Jeremiah 23:5b, 6b*

P: He shall reign as king and deal wisely,  
and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

C: **This is the name by which He will be called:  
The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

*Jeremiah 23:6b*

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C: **This is the name by which He will be called:  
The Lord Is Our Righteousness.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life + everlasting. Amen.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY – “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” sts. 1,4 (Lutheran Service Book #357)**

**SERMON – “Come, O Root of Jesse”**

## PRAYER

**P:** In peace let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For the gift of divine peace and of pardon, with all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For the holy Christian Church, here and scattered throughout the world, and for the proclamation of the Gospel and the calling of all to faith, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For this nation, for our cities and communities, and for the common welfare of us all, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For seasonable weather and for the fruitfulness of the earth, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For those who labor, for those whose work is difficult or dangerous, and for all who travel, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For all those in need, for the hungry and homeless, for the widowed and orphaned, and for all those in prison, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** For the sick and dying and for all those who care for them, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**P:** Finally for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

**C: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: 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 of 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; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C: **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## BLESSING

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: **Amen.**

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