

# *O Come, Emmanuel* Advent Series

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

## Order of Service

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

**Advent Midweek 3 – “Come, O Key of David”**

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

*Theme Verse: 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*

**OPENING HYMN – “Hark the Glad Sound” (Lutheran Service Book # 349)**

### **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 third 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.

C: **“He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open” (Isaiah 22:22).**

P: 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;

C: **And lead Your captive people into freedom.**

### **OPENING VERSES**

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

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

*Psalms 118:24*

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

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

*Psalms 113:3*

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

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

*Psalms 50:2-3a*

P: Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: **Make his paths straight.**

*Isaiah 40:3*

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

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

*Isaiah 45:8*

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 22:20-23*

<sup>20</sup>In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah, <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE READING**

*Revelation 3:7-13*

<sup>7</sup>“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.

<sup>8</sup>“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. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>I am coming soon. Hold fast what you have, so that no one may seize your crown. <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING**

*Matthew 16:13-19*

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>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.”

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. 1,5 (*Lutheran Service Book #357*)

**SERMON** – “*Come, O Key of David*”

## 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 reasonable 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, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ Jesus Your Son, 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; 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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