

# ADVENT

*A Season of Preparation*

## Midweek Advent

Immanuel Lutheran Church ~ LCMS

Lakefield, Minnesota

December 3, 2025

Hymn: 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *sts. 1, ref, 3, 5, 7*



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy  
5 O come, Thou Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen  
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the

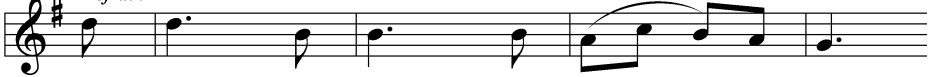


cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst  
wide our heav'n - ly home; Make safe the way that  
hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di -



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
leads on high, And close the path to mis - er - y.  
vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.

*Refrain*



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent.; Psalterium Canticum Catholicarum, 1710, Köln; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt.

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## Opening Versicles

- L** This is the day which the Lord has made;  
**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.  
**L** Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.  
**C** Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.  
**L** Prepare the way of the Lord.  
**C** Make His paths straight.  
**L** Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.  
**C** Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.  
**L** From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
**C** the name of the Lord is to be praised.  
**C** 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 Canticle

LSB 261

*Refrain*



**C** The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.  
With joy will you draw wa - ter from the  
wells of sal - va - tion. And you will say in that  
day: "Give thanks to the Lord, call up - on His name,

make known His deeds a - mong the peo - ples, pro -

claim that His name is ex - alt - ed."

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Sing prais - es to the Lord, for He has done

glo - rious - ly; let this be made known in all the

earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O in -

hab - i - tants of Zi - on, for great in your midst is the

Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Refrain*

The Lord God is my strength and my song, and

He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son  
and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;  
as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will  
be for - ev - er. A - men.  
*Refrain*  
The Lord God is my strength and my song, and  
He has be - come my sal - va - tion.

*Sit*

## Readings From Holy Scripture

### Reading

*Isaiah 11:1–10*

**[L]** A reading from Isaiah, the eleventh chapter.

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 cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's  
den.  
They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD  
as the waters cover the sea.

In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Reading

*Luke 1:26–45*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of

God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” And Mary said, “Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word.” And the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, and she exclaimed with a loud cry, “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord.”

### Responsory

- L** 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.**
- L** 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.**
- L** 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.**

*Stand*

### Ten Commandments

- C** **You shall have no other gods.  
You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.  
Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.  
Honor your father and your mother.  
You shall not murder.  
You shall not commit adultery.  
You shall not steal.  
You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.  
You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

### **Apostles' Creed**

**☐ 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.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

**☐ 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.**

## Sermon

### Hymn: 332 Savior of the Nations, Come

sts. 1, 3, 5, 7–8



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a  
5 God the Fa - ther was His source, Back to God He  
7 From the man - ger new - born light Shines in glo - ry the  
△ 8 Glo - ry to the Fa - ther sing, Glo - ry to the



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
ran His course. In - to hell His road went down,  
through the night. Dark - ness there no more re - sides;  
Son, our king, Glo - ry to the Spir - it be



That the Lord chose such a birth.  
God was there up - on His throne.  
Back then to His throne and crown.  
In this light faith now a - bides.  
Now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340–397; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546;  
(st. 1): tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812–76; (st. 3): tr. Lutheran Service Book, 2006;  
(sts. 5, 8): tr. F. Samuel Janzow, 1913–2001; (st. 7): tr. Gifford A. Grobrien, 1973  
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## Offering

*Stand*

## Prayer

- L** In peace let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- L** 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.**
- L** 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.**
- L** 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.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** 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.**

**L** 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.**

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

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** For . . . [additional bids for prayer may be inserted here] . . . let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**L** 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

**L** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### Collect for the Word

**L** Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Evening Prayer

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## New Testament Canticle

LSB 266

*Refrain*



**C** Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Christ our Pass - o - ver Lamb has been sac - ri - ficed.



Raised from the dead, He will nev - er die a - gain.



Death has no more do - min - ion o - ver Him.

*Refrain*



Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



Dy - ing, Christ dies to sin, once for all. Liv - ing, He

lives to God. Count your - selves as dead to

sin and a-live to God in Christ Je - sus, our Lord.

*Refrain*

Christ has been raised from the dead! Al - le -

lu - ia. Al - le - lu - lu - ia.

## Blessing

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**L** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn: 358 From Heaven Above to Earth I Come *sts. 1, 3, 5, 8, 15*

1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come To bear good  
3 "This is the Christ, to our God Most High, Who hears your  
5 "These are the signs that you shall mark: The swad-dling  
8 Wel - come to earth, O no - ble Guest, Through whom the  
15 Glo - ry to God in high - est heav'n, Who un - to

news to ev - 'ry home; Glad tid - ings of great  
sad and bit - ter cry; He will Him - self your  
clothes and man - ger dark. There you will find the  
sin - ful world is blest! You came to share my  
us His Son has giv'n! While an - gels sing with

joy I bring, Where - of I now will say and sing:  
Sav - ior be From all your sins to set you free.  
in - fant laid By whom the heav'ns and earth were made."  
mis - er - y That You might share Your joy with me.  
pi - ous mirth A glad new year to all the earth.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.  
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## **Assisting with the Service**

*Preacher*     *Rev. Eric Obermann*  
*Elder*        *Jim Berkevich*  
*Organist*    *Brenda Matasovsky (7:00)*  
*Acolyte*     *Gander Grein (7:00)*  
*Usher*       *Ken Pohlman (7:00)*

## **We Remember in our Prayers**

*Austin and Kelsea Harr and family on the death of Austin's grandfather,  
Roger Haar*  
*Chink Meade, uncle of Bruce Bakalyar, in Hospice*  
*Marla Holcomb, sister of Wade and Alan Salzwedel, dealing with cancer*  
*Clyde Daberkow in Hospice*  
*Our residents at Colonial Manor, Valley View, Golden Horizons in  
Worthington, Accura HealthCare in Milford, Koronis in  
Paynesville, Good Sam in Estherville*  
*Lila Voehl, Jan Bakalyar, Merlyn Rossow, Keith Kolander, dealing with  
health issues*  
*Mary Beth Baumann, sister-in-law of Myleen Swanson & LaNell  
Rossow; Mackenzie Erickson, friend of Amber Liepold; Diane  
Hansen, wife of Pastor David McDonald (Trinity Brewster),  
Miles Ramsey, toddler cousin of Amy Altman; Pastor Dennis  
Brech; Joyce Urmie, sister-in-law of Vickie Baumann; Pastor  
Ben Rucker; Mitch Voehl, son of Lila Voehl; Denny Daberkow;  
dealing with cancer*  
*Chad Kolander, brother of Keith and Corey Kolande; David Morrison,  
brother of Jan Bakalyar; Curt Gates, brother-in-law of Miles  
Voehl (Lila's son), dealing with health issues*  
*Our Missionaries in the Field*  
*Our Country and Our Military*

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# Advent and Christmas Worship Schedule

## Advent Service

Wednesday, December 10  
8:30 AM & 7:00 PM

## ILS Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 17  
12:30 PM & 6:30 PM

## Sunday School Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 24  
4:00 PM

## Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Wednesday, December 24  
8:00 PM

## Christmas Day Service

Thursday, December 25  
9:00 AM



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