

3rd Wednesday of Advent

December 17th, 2025

Guest Preacher: Pastor Zack Sippert

Organist: Kathy Lueck



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Advent 2025 The Great "O" Antiphons

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Introduction to our Advent Theme: The O Antiphons

The paraphrases of Holy Scripture known as The Great “O” Antiphons of Advent have been cherished for centuries by Christian worshippers as most expressive of the Church’s desire for the Savior. They are each awe-filled expressions of that Advent spirit that is focused on Christ’s coming—His historical coming on Christmas, His continued coming in the Means of Grace, and His second coming on Judgment Day. Each antiphon consists of a title given to Christ in the Old Testament, asking Him to come and fulfill some Scriptural promise or prophecy. They also are the basis of one of our greatest Advent hymns, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.”

✠ Opening Prayer – “O Lord” ✠

- P** O Adonai and Ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai: Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us. Amen.

Hymn: TLH #75

“Ye Sons of Men, Oh, Hearken”

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

- P** As we wait for the second coming of Christ, the Wisdom of God and Key who opens heaven’s gates, let us prepare our hearts for His arrival by confessing our sins.
- C Almighty and merciful Father, we confess that we have sought knowledge apart from You, that we have heard Your commandments but disobeyed them, that our faith has been easily shaken, that we have closed our hearts to Your mercy, that we have walked in shadows of doubt and despair, that we follow the lead of the devil, and that we have forgotten about Your presence in our lives. Come to us, O LORD, forgive us for Jesus’ sake and restore us according to Your mercy.**
- P** Hear the good news of Advent hope: Jesus, the Wisdom of God, teaches us the way of truth. Jesus, our Lord, delivers us

from sin and death. Jesus, the Root of Jesse, deepens our trust. Jesus, the Key of David, opens to us the kingdom of grace. Jesus, the Dayspring, brings light to our darkness. Jesus, the King of the Nations, unites us in His peace. Jesus, Immanuel – God with us – forgives, renews, and restores.

Therefore, as a called servant of the Word, I proclaim to you:
In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Response: “A Litany for Advent”

Tune of WS #789

C *Lord Jesus, come to us, we pray,
Bring us Your truth, Show us Your way,
As once the prophets did foretell,
Oh, come to us, Immanuel.*

*The universe is in our care,
Help us protect, help us to share,
Send us Your peace, Your glad Noel,
Oh, come to us, Immanuel.*

*Our world is torn in war and sin.
Our people hurt without, within.
Your healing love will make us well,
Oh, come to us, Immanuel.*

*Prepare our hearts, tell all the earth
That we may celebrate Your birth.
Oh, enter in our lives to dwell.
Oh, come to us Immanuel.*

Collect Prayer of the Day

A prayer to God that collects together the thoughts and theme of the day.

P O Adonai, mighty Lord and Redeemer, stretch out Your hand to deliver us. Be our guide and protector and show us the way to follow Your commandments with courage and faithfulness.

C Amen.





Exodus 19:16-20

On the morning of the third day there were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud trumpet blast, so that all the people in the camp trembled. ¹⁷ Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸ Now Mount Sinai was wrapped in smoke because the LORD had descended on it in fire. The smoke of it went up like the smoke of a kiln, and the whole mountain trembled greatly. ¹⁹ And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder. ²⁰ The LORD came down on Mount Sinai, to the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up.



Matthew 5:14-20

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. ¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.



Romans 10:8-13

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your

heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Response to the Word

TLH #70:1

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

G ♪ *Hosanna to the living Lord!
Hosanna to the Incarnate Word!
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King,
Let earth, let heaven, hosanna sing.*

Confession of Faith

Explanation of the 2nd Article

G I BELIEVE...

that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death.

He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.

Choir

"Just Beyond the Manger"

Hymn: TLH #412

"May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"



Exodus 3:14

God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I

AM has sent me to you.'"

The "O" Antiphons: O Lord

☩ ♪ *O come, O come, O Lord of might,
As to Your tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times, You gave the law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

Hymn: WS #705

"Come, O Long-Expected Jesus"

✠ The General Prayer & The Lord's Prayer ✠

The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

The blessing given by God for His people.

P The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

☩ Amen!

Hymn: TLH #63

"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"

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Thank you to Pastor Sippert for sharing the Word with us this evening. Next Wednesday evening, our Christmas Eve service will begin at 6:30 pm. Next Thursday morning, our Christmas Day service will begin at 9:30 am.

A Finger Food Potluck will be held after church this evening, all are invited to stay!

Calendars – Spiritual calendars for 2026 are available on the table in the entryway. The suggested donation is \$5 each, and when they are gone, that is all we have. Any extra donations received will be given to our school. Please see Phil Strike with questions.