

AN
ADVENT FESTIVAL



OF
COLORS, CANDLES
AND CAROLS

Christ Lutheran Church
Weyauwega, WI

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The Advent of Our King LSB 331

1 The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy.

2 The everlasting Son
Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant's form puts on
To set His servants free.

4 As judge, on clouds of light,
He soon will come again
And His true members all unite
With Him in heav'n to reign.

6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

Stand

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

C Amen

P Behold, I establish My covenant with you and your descendants after you.

C I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign between Me and the earth.

P When the bow is in the clouds, I will look upon it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth.

C And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars...for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

P When these things begin to take place, look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

C For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

The Gloria Patri

P Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for Your only Son. By His coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of the world; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C **Amen**

P *Ever since the days of Noah, the RAINBOW has been a sign of hope and promise for the people of God. In the colors of the rainbow we continue to see God's unfolding promise, even as we express our hope in the Lord's advent.*

Yellow

P *The brightness of God's creating wisdom*

C *Oh, come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who ord'rest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

A reading from St. John, chapter 1

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

LSB 334

1 O Lord, how shall I meet You,
How welcome You aright?
Your people long to greet You,
My hope, my heart's delight!
O kindle, Lord most holy,
Your lamp within my breast
To do in spirit lowly
All that may please You best.

3 I lay in fetters, groaning;
You came to set me free.
I stood, my shame bemoaning;
You came to honor me.
A glorious crown You give me,
A treasure safe on high
That will not fail or leave me
As earthly riches fly.



P **WISDOM**, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, ruling over the universe unto the ends of the earth with tenderness and power;
C **Come and teach us the way of wisdom.**

Red

P *For the flames at Sinai and the burning bush*

C *Oh, come, oh come, Thou Lord of might,
Who to the tribes on Sinai's height
In ancient times didst give the Law
In cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

A Reading from Exodus, chapter 3

Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens

LSB 589

1 Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens,
Let Your Word to me come near;
Newborn life and spirit give me,
Let each promise still my fear.
Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife,
Wars against Your Word of life;
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong
fervor
That I cling to You forever!

2 Oh, what blessing to be near You
And to listen to Your voice;
Let me ever love and hear You,
Let Your Word be now my choice!
Many hardened sinners, Lord,
Flee in terror at Your Word;
But to all who feel sin's burden
You give words of peace and
pardon.



P **Lord**, Head of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Mount Sinai:

C **come open-armed to redeem us.**

Green

P *Symbolizing new growth and ongoing life*

C *Oh, come, Thou Rod of Jesse's stem,
From ev'ry foe deliver them
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,
And give them vic'try o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

A reading from Isaiah, chapter 11

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

LSB 359

- 1 Lo, how a rose e'er blooming
 From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming
 As prophets long have sung,
It came, a flow'ret bright,
 Amid the cold of winter,
When half-spent was the night.

- 2 Isaiah 'twas foretold it,
 The rose I have in mind;
With Mary we behold it,
 The virgin mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
 She bore to us a Savior,
When half-spent was the night.

- 3 This flow'r, whose fragrance tender
 With sweetness fills the air,
Dispels with glorious splendor
 The darkness ev'rywhere.
True man, yet very God,
 From sin and death He saves us
And lightens ev'ry load.

- 4 O Savior, child of Mary,
 Who felt our human woe;
O Savior, King of glory,
 Who dost our weakness know:
Bring us at length we pray
 To the bright courts of heaven,
And to the endless day.



P **Branch of Jesse**, arising as a sign among the nations, before whom kings will keep silence and to whom nations will call for help,

C **come to deliver us; delay no longer.**

Orange (Gold)

P *For the heavenly riches to which the Lord leads*

C ***Oh, 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.***

Reioice! Reioice! Emmanuel shall come to thee. O Israel!

A reading from Revelation, chapter 1

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

LSB 338

- 1 Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.
- 2 Born Thy people to deliver;
Born a child and yet a king!
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.



P **Key of David**, Scepter of the house of Israel,
You open that which no one can close and close
that which no one can open;

C **come and deliver the prisoner lying in
dark captivity and in the shadow of death.**

Blue

P *The color of the night giving way to daylight*

C ***Oh, come, Thou Dayspring from on high,
And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadow put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!***

A reading from Isaiah, chapter 60

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

LSB 348

- 1 The King shall come when
morning dawns
And light triumphant breaks,
When beauty gilds the eastern
hills
And life to joy awakes.
- 2 Not as of old a little child,
To bear and fight and die,
But crowned with glory like the
sun
That lights the morning sky.
- 3 Oh, brighter than the rising morn
When Christ, victorious, rose
And left the lonesome place of
death
Despite the rage of foes.
- 4 Oh, brighter than that glorious
morn
Shall dawn upon our race
The day when Christ in splendor
comes
And we shall see His face.



P Morning Star, Splendor of eternal light
and Sun of righteousness,
C come and enlighten those living in
darkness and in the shadow of death.

Purple

P *The royal color of the King*

C *Oh, come, Desire of nations, bind
In one the hearts of all mankind;
Bid Thou our sad divisions cease,
And be Thyself our King of peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!*

A reading from Daniel, chapter 7

Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

LSB 350

- 1 Come, Thou precious Ransom, come,
Only hope for sinful mortals!
Come, O Savior of the world!
Open are to Thee all portals.
Come, Thy beauty let us see;
Anxiously we wait for Thee.
- 2 Enter now my waiting heart,
Glorious King and Lord most holy.
Dwell in me and ne'er depart,

Though I am but poor and lowly.
Ah, what riches will be mine
When Thou art my guest divine!

- 4 Hail! Hosanna, David's Son!
Jesus, hear our supplication!
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown,
Bring us blessing and salvation,
That forever we may sing:
Hail! Hosanna to our King.



P King of Nations, You answer their longing; O
Cornerstone, You reconcile nations opposed;
C come and save us whom You made from
dust.

White

P *Fulfillment in joy!*

G *Oh, come, oh, 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!*

The Ceremony of Candlelight

(The officiating minister will light a candle at the altar. The ushers will light their candles from the minister's and will bring the light to the worshippers at the end of each pew. For the sake of safety, please hold lighted candle upright, and dip each unlighted candle into the flame of a lighted candle.)

After the candles are lit, the reading begins.

A reading from St. Matthew, chapter 1

O Little Town of Bethlehem

LSB 361

- 3 How silently, how silently
The wondrous gift is giv'n!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heav'n.
No ear may hear His coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him, still
The dear Christ enters in.
- 4 O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Immanuel!



P Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, Hope and Savior of all nations,
C come and save us, O Lord our God.

The candles are extinguished.

The Offering

Stand - The Lord's Prayer

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.**

P After this I looked, and lo, in heaven an open door!

C And lo, a throne stood in heaven, with One seated on the throne!

P And round the throne was a rainbow.

C And before the throne burn seven torches of fire, which are the seven
spirits of God.

P And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God
is with men.

C "He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God
Himself will be with them; He will wipe away every tear from their
eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor
crying nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

P And He who sat upon the throne said to me, "It is done!"

C **EVEN SO, COME, LORD JESUS!**

The Benediction

P **The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.**

C **Amen.**

Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

LSB 352

1 Let the earth now praise the Lord,
Who has truly kept His word
And at last to us did send
Christ, the sinner's help and friend.

5 Bruise for me the serpent's head
That, set free from doubt and dread,
I may cling to You in faith,
Safely kept through life and death.

2 What the fathers most desired,
What the prophets' heart inspired,
What they longed for many_a year,
Stands fulfilled in glory here.

6 Then when You will come again
As the glorious king to reign,
I with joy will see Your face,
Freely ransomed by Your grace.

******* Please Give Bulletin to the usher or place
back in basket so that they may be used again!!**

Matthew 4:16 “The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.”

