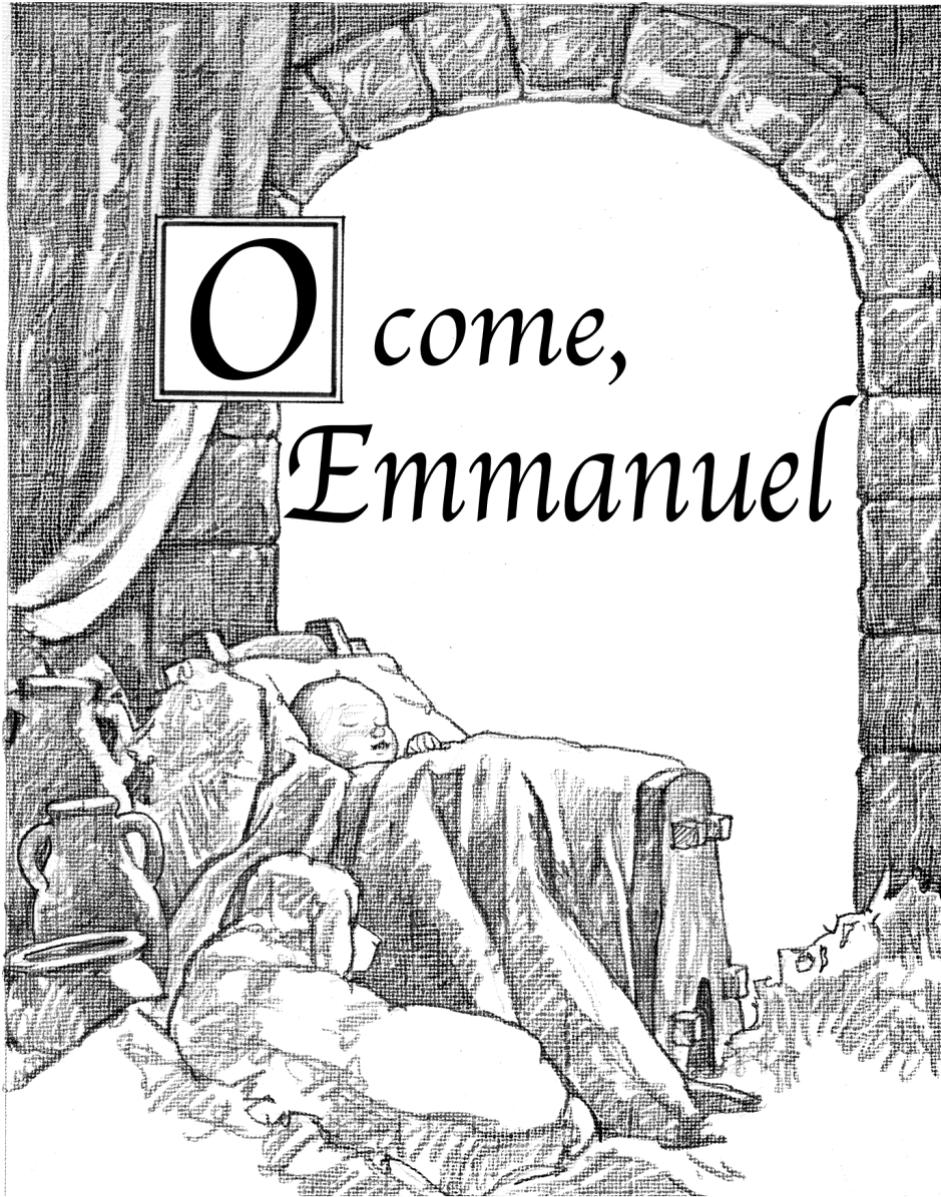


Our Advent Prayer



Advent 4 – December 19, 2021



GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome

- ✝ If you would like to know more about Grace, visit our **website** at gracelutheran.church. A **membership** class, a class that covers the basic teachings of the Bible and what it means to be a Christian is beginning soon. Contact Pastor Sievert for more information. We would also love to share information with you about our Sunday worship services, our weekly Bible Classes, and our youth programs.
- ✝ Restrooms are across the breezeway, in our Grace Hall... a cry room is available in the back left corner of our church.
- ✝ Coffee and treats are available after church. We would love to visit with you and answer your questions.



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Next weekend we begin our celebration of Christmas – God with us. That means today is our final chance to prepare for his coming, to prepare to receive Him who is God with us. “Come, Emmanuel,” we pray!

The Great O Antiphons of Advent

Advent 4

STAND

December 19,
2021

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



M: *O Emmanuel*, our King and our Lord, the anointed of the nations and their Savior,

C: **Come and save us, O Lord our God.**

✠ The Word ✠

The Great O Antiphons are seven brief prayers traditionally sung on the seven days before Christmas Eve and are the basis of the Advent hymn, “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” Each antiphon begins with the acclamation “O” and addresses Jesus by one of his unique Messianic titles. Here is our prayer.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING

Micah 5:2-5

² "But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. "

³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor gives birth and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites.

⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD,



in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they will live securely, for then his greatness
will reach to the ends of the earth.
⁵ And he will be their peace.

GOSPEL

Luke 1: 39-55

*In Spirit wrought
humility, Mary
knew she needed a
 Savior. God lifts her
up, making her the
mother of that
 Savior.*

³⁹ At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, ⁴⁰ where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! ⁴³ But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴ As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵ Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!" ⁴⁶ And Mary said:

"My soul glorifies the Lord
⁴⁷ and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
⁴⁸ for he has been mindful
of the humble state of his servant.
From now on all generations will call me blessed,
⁴⁹ for the Mighty One has done great things for me—
holy is his name.
⁵⁰ His mercy extends to those who fear him,
from generation to generation.
⁵¹ He has performed mighty deeds with his arm;
he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts.
⁵² He has brought down rulers from their thrones
but has lifted up the humble.
⁵³ He has filled the hungry with good things
but has sent the rich away empty.
⁵⁴ He has helped his servant Israel,
remembering to be merciful
⁵⁵ to Abraham and his descendants forever,
even as he said to our fathers."

HYMN OF THE DAY —

24 The Angel Gabriel Came From Heaven

⁵Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire,
but a body you prepared for me;

⁶with burnt offerings and sin offerings
you were not pleased.

⁷Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—
I have come to do your will, my God.’”^[Psalm 40:6-8]

⁸First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law. ⁹Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will.” He sets aside the first to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God
from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came
down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated
at the right hand of the Father. He shall come again in glory to judge the
living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, and giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who
in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has
spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and
apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins. We look for the resurrection of the body and the life of the world to
come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Based again on the Great O Antiphons

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.**

BLESSING and Closing