

# Advent Lutheran Church

Good Friday, A.D. 2020



“In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.  
The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”

-Saint John the Evangelist

“For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin,  
so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”

-Saint Paul the Apostle

As People of Advent, we begin this evening by joining in this ancient hymn of hope in the even more ancient promise of God with us. The burning flame represents Jesus, the light of the world.

### Hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (LSB 357)



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som  
 2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest  
 3 O come, O come, Thou Lord of might, Who to Thy  
 4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly  
 all things might - i - ly; To us the path of  
 tribes on Si - nai's height In an - cient times didst  
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y



ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
 give the Law In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 pow'r to save, And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



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



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

- 5 O 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. Refrain
- 6 O come, Thou Dayspring from on high,  
 And cheer us by Thy drawing nigh;  
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
 And death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain
- 7 O 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. Refrain

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### Prologue

**P** Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
**C** and they shall call his name *Immanuel* (which means, God with us).

*Matthew 1:23*

**P** That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons,  
**C** and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick.

*Matthew 8:16-17*

**P** This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah:

**C** “He took our illnesses and bore our diseases.”

**P** Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so you may believe that

*John 20:30-31*

**C** **Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God,**

**P** and that by believing

**C** **we may have life in his name.**

**P** He taught 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.**

**P** O come, o come Immanuel

**C** **Come quickly, Lord Jesus, and deliver us from the evil we have brought upon ourselves!**

## Reading

*Luke 23:1–25*

<sup>1</sup>Then the whole company of them arose and brought him before Pilate. <sup>2</sup>And they began to accuse him, saying, “We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding us to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ, a king.” <sup>3</sup>And Pilate asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” And he answered him, “**You have said so.**” <sup>4</sup>Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, “I find no guilt in this man.” <sup>5</sup>But they were urgent, saying, “He stirs up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee even to this place.”

<sup>6</sup>When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. <sup>7</sup>And when he learned that he belonged to Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him over to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. <sup>8</sup>When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had long desired to see him, because he had heard about him, and he was hoping to see some sign done by him. <sup>9</sup>So he questioned him at some length, but he made no answer. <sup>10</sup>The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. <sup>11</sup>And Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him. Then, arraying him in splendid clothing, he sent him back to Pilate. <sup>12</sup>And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day, for before this they had been at enmity with each other.

<sup>13</sup>Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, <sup>14</sup>and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was misleading the people. And after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. <sup>15</sup>Neither did Herod, for he sent him back to us. Look, nothing deserving death has been done by him. <sup>16</sup>I will therefore punish and release him.”

<sup>18</sup>But they all cried out together, “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas”— <sup>19</sup>a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. <sup>20</sup>Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, <sup>21</sup>but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” <sup>22</sup>A third time he said to them, “Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him.” <sup>23</sup>But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. <sup>24</sup>So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. <sup>25</sup>He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

**L** In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

**C** **But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.**

Hymn "O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken" (LSB 439)

sts. 1-5



1 O dear - est Je - sus, what law hast Thou bro - ken  
 2 They crown Thy head with thorns, they smite, they scourge Thee;  
 3 Whence come these sor - rows, whence this mor - tal an - guish?  
 4 What pun - ish - ment so strange is suf - fered yon - der!  
 5 The sin - less Son of God must die in sad - ness;



That such sharp sen - tence should on Thee be spo - ken?  
 With cru - el mock - ings to the cross they urge Thee;  
 It is my sins for which Thou, Lord, must lan - guish;  
 The Shep - herd dies for sheep that loved to wan - der;  
 The sin - ful child of man may live in glad - ness;



Of what great crime hast Thou to make con -  
 They give Thee gall to drink, they still de -  
 Yea, all the wrath, the woe, Thou dost in -  
 The Mas - ter pays the debt His ser - vants  
 Man for - feit - ed his life and is ac -



fes - sion, What dark trans - gres - sion?  
 cry Thee; They cru - ci - fy Thee.  
 her - it, This I do mer - it.  
 owe Him, Who would not know Him.  
 quit - ted; God is com - mit - ted.

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Reading

Psalm 119:153-160

RESH

- <sup>153</sup> Look on my affliction and deliver me,  
 for I do not forget your law.  
<sup>154</sup> Plead my cause and redeem me;  
 give me life according to your promise!  
<sup>155</sup> Salvation is far from the wicked,  
 for they do not seek your statutes.  
<sup>156</sup> Great is your mercy, O LORD;  
 give me life according to your just decrees.  
<sup>157</sup> Many are my persecutors and my adversaries,  
 but I do not swerve from your testimonies.  
<sup>158</sup> I look at the faithless with disgust,  
 because they do not keep your commands.  
<sup>159</sup> Consider how I love your precepts!  
 Give me life according to your steadfast love.  
<sup>160</sup> The sum of your word is truth,  
 and every one of your just and righteous decrees endures forever.

*Silence for meditation on God's Word*

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## Homiletical Reflection “Give Me Life According to Your Promise!”

### Hymn “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken” (LSB 439)

sts. 6–10



6 There was no spot in me by sin un - taint - ed;  
7 O won - drous love, whose depth no heart hath sound - ed,  
8 O might - y King, no time can dim Thy glo - ry!  
9 For vain - ly doth our hu - man wis - dom pon - der—  
10 Yet un - re - quit - ed, Lord, I would not leave Thee;



Sick with sin's poi - son, all my heart had faint - ed;  
That brought Thee here, by foes and thieves sur - round - ed!  
How shall I spread a - broad Thy won - drous sto - ry?  
Thy woes, Thy mer - cy, still tran - scend our won - der.  
I will re - nounce what - e'er doth vex or grieve Thee



My heav - y guilt to hell had well - nigh  
All world - ly plea - sures, heed - less, I was  
How shall I find some wor - thy gifts to  
Oh, how should I do aught that could de -  
And quench with thoughts of Thee and prayers most



brought me, Such woe it wrought me.  
try - ing While Thou wert dy - ing.  
prof - fer? What dare I of - fer?  
light Thee! Can I re - quite Thee?  
low - ly All fires un - ho - ly.

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### Reading

*Psalm 119:161–168*

#### SIN AND SHIN

- <sup>161</sup>Princes persecute me without cause,  
but my heart stands in awe of your words.  
<sup>162</sup>I rejoice at your word  
like one who finds great spoil.  
<sup>163</sup>I hate and abhor falsehood,  
but I love your law.  
<sup>164</sup>Seven times a day I praise you  
for your just and righteous decrees.  
<sup>165</sup>Great peace have those who love your law;  
nothing can make them stumble.  
<sup>166</sup>I hope for your salvation, O LORD,  
and I do your commandments.  
<sup>167</sup>My soul keeps your testimonies;  
I love them exceedingly.  
<sup>168</sup>I keep your precepts and testimonies,  
for all my ways are before you.

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Homiletical Reflection “I Love Your Law”

Hymn “O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken” (LSB 439)

sts. 11–15



11 But since my strength will nev - er - more suf - fice me  
 12 I'll think up - on Thy mer - cy with - out ceas - ing,  
 13 What - e'er of earth - ly good this life may grant me,  
 14 But worth - less is my sac - ri - fice, I own it;  
 15 And when, dear Lord, be - fore Thy throne in heav - en



To cru - ci - fy de - sires that still en - tice me,  
 That earth's vain joys to me no more be pleas - ing;  
 I'll risk for Thee; no shame, no cross, shall daunt me.  
 Yet, Lord, for love's sake Thou wilt not dis - own it;  
 To me the crown of joy at last is giv - en,



To all good deeds O let Thy Spir - it  
 To do Thy will shall be my sole en -  
 I shall not fear what foes can do to  
 Thou wilt ac - cept my gift in Thy great  
 Where sweet - est hymns Thy saints for - ev - er



win me And reign with - in me!  
 deav - or Hence - forth for - ev - er.  
 harm me Nor death a - larm me.  
 meek - ness Nor shame my weak - ness.  
 raise Thee, I, too, shall praise Thee.

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Reading

Psalm 119:169–176

TAW

- <sup>169</sup>Let my cry come before you, O LORD;  
 give me understanding according to your word!  
<sup>170</sup>Let my plea come before you;  
 deliver me according to your word.  
<sup>171</sup>My lips will pour forth praise,  
 for you teach me your statutes.  
<sup>172</sup>My tongue will sing of your word,  
 for all your commandments are right.  
<sup>173</sup>Let your hand be ready to help me,  
 for I have chosen your precepts.  
<sup>174</sup>I long for your salvation, O LORD,  
 and your law is my delight.  
<sup>175</sup>Let my soul live and praise you,  
 and let your just decrees help me.  
<sup>176</sup>I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek your servant,  
 for I do not forget your commandments.

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Homiletical Reflection “Like a Lost Sheep”

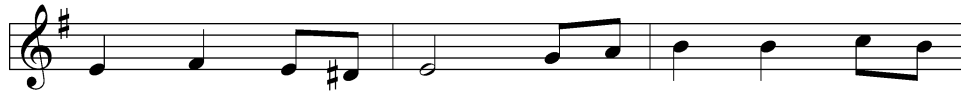
Hymn “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” (LSB 451)



1 Strick-en, smit-ten, and af - flict - ed, See Him dy - ing on the  
 2 Tell me, ye who hear Him groan-ing, Was there ev - er grief like  
 3 Ye who think of sin but light - ly Nor sup - pose the e - vil  
 4 Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, Here the ref - uge of the



tree! 'Tis the Christ, by man re - ject - ed; Yes, my  
 His? Friends through fear His cause dis - own - ing, Foes in -  
 great Here may view its na - ture right - ly, Here its  
 lost: Christ, the Rock of our sal - va - tion, Is the



soul, 'tis He, 'tis He! 'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed  
 sult - ing His dis - tress; Man - y hands were raised to  
 guilt may es - ti - mate. Mark the sac - ri - fice ap -  
 name of which we boast; Lamb of God, for sin - ners



Proph - et, Da - vid's Son, yet Da-vid's Lord; Proofs I  
 wound Him, None would in - ter - vene to save; But the  
 point - ed, See who bears the aw - ful load; 'Tis the  
 wound - ed, Sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt! None shall



see suf - fi - cient of it: 'Tis the true and faith - ful Word.  
 deep - est stroke that pierced Him Was the stroke that jus - tice gave.  
 Word, the Lord's a - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.  
 ev - er be con - found - ed Who on Him their hope have built.

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## Reading

Luke 23:26–46

<sup>26</sup>And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. <sup>27</sup>And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. <sup>28</sup>But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. <sup>29</sup>For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ <sup>30</sup>Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ <sup>31</sup>For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

<sup>32</sup>Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. <sup>33</sup>And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup>and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

<sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup>And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup>And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

<sup>44</sup>It was now about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, <sup>45</sup>while the sun’s light failed. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. <sup>46</sup>Then Jesus, calling out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last.

*The flame is extinguished as we remember the crucifixion of Jesus, the eternal Word made flesh. After a pause for meditation on this impossible death, a loud sound is made, recalling the sound of a heavy stone rolling into place to close Him in His tomb.*

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