

O Come, O Come:
Thou Lord of Might



December 13th, 2023
Immanuel Lutheran Church

*“Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh.
Is anything too hard for Me? Jeremiah 32:27*

Prelude
Ringing of Bells
Welcome

Hymn of Invocation #LSB 621

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent

Stand

Opening Versicles

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,

Ephesians 3:20-21

to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

God's invisible attributes, namely, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.

Romans 1:20

“He determines the number of the stars; He gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.”

Psalms 147:4-5

These are but the fringes of His ways, and how small a whisper do we hear of Him! But the thunder of his power who can understand?”

Job 26:7-14

“Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is anything too hard for Me?

Jeremiah 32:27

“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.”

Isaiah 41:10

Who is God except the Lord? Who but our God is a solid rock? God is my strong fortress, and He makes my way perfect.”

2 Samuel 22:33

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Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Salvation

- ☒ Heavenly Father, as we come before your presence tonight, we confess that we have daily sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not lived in the fear of the Lord. We have not honored your mighty power. Nor have we revered your sovereign authority. Though we are yours, we have chosen to live as if we are

our own lords. For we have served ourselves and our own desires. Grant us the fear of the Lord, so that we may again respect and obey You and Your awesome power

C Almighty God, merciful Father, You have sent Your Son into the world to show us Your nature. Though You are mighty in power, You are also, merciful, kind, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, full of meekness and grace.

We praise Your holy name for the mercy You have shown us. And we thank You that You have called us into Your church where You daily and richly forgive us our sins. Give us confidence and strength that we are Your people, cherished, loved, and forgiven through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 19:9–19

⁹And the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am coming to you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and may also believe you forever.”

When Moses told the words of the people to the LORD, ¹⁰the LORD said to Moses, “Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments ¹¹and be ready for the third day. For on the third day the LORD will come down on Mount Sinai in the sight of all the people. ¹²And you shall set limits for the people all around, saying, ‘Take care not to go up into the mountain or touch the edge of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall be put to death. ¹³No hand shall touch him, but he shall be stoned or shot; whether beast or man, he shall not live.’ When the trumpet sounds a long blast, they shall come up to the mountain.” ¹⁴So Moses went down from the mountain to the people and consecrated the people; and they washed their garments. ¹⁵And he said to the people, “Be ready for the third day; do not go near a woman.”

¹⁶On 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. ¹⁷Then Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they took their stand at the foot of the mountain. ¹⁸Now 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. ¹⁹And as the sound of the trumpet grew louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him in thunder.

Epistle Reading

Colossians 1:15–23

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things

were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²²he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

Gospel Reading

John 14:6–11

⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

Sermon Hymn #357

vv.1-3

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Sermon

Reflection Hymn # 370

What Child Is This

Stand

Prayers of the Church

Concluding Collect

☒ 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.

☑ Amen.

Benediction

Departing Hymn #LSB 386

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice