

St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Pastor Erik Sorenson



Children's Christmas Program

December 24, 2021

Prelude

Amazing Grace

Duet: Rayleigh Acton & Anslee Hawkins

☐ (Congregation sings) 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Stanzas 1-3

Trevor Acree

Merry Christmas! For thousands of years, God's people have shared a common prayer: "O come, o come, Emmanuel." Every year we sing this prayer together as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. But there's more to this hymn than meets the eye.

Anslee Hawkins

Every verse gives us a new name of Jesus. A name which tells us who He is and what He does for us. A name which God revealed long ago through His prophets and brought to its fulfillment in His Son.

As you hear these names and hear what Jesus has come to do for us, may you rejoice in Christ your Savior. For He comes to be with you to save you and to give you His peace through the forgiveness of your sins. Let us now hear more about our Emmanuel.

☐ 379 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Joe Acree

The first name of Jesus is... Wisdom.

We first hear this name in the Old Testament in a reading from Isaiah, chapter 11.

² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

Abe Acton

Then we hear of its fulfillment in a reading from 1 Corinthians, chapter 1.

²³ But we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Max Hoene

Jesus is the Wisdom of God. For all of us who are baptized into Christ, He is not a stumbling block or folly. But He is our Wisdom and our Savior.

Let us pray: O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering all things:

C Come and teach us the way of prudence.

C 370 What Child Is This

Anslee Hawkins

The second name of Jesus is... Adonai, which means Lord of might.

We first hear this name in the Old Testament in a reading from Isaiah, chapter 9.

⁶ For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Rayleigh Acton

Then we hear of its fulfillment in a reading from Matthew, chapter 28.

¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Jesus is Adonai, the Lord of might. For all of us who have been made His disciples through Baptism and His Word, He is our might and we know that He has authority over all things.

Let us pray: O Adonai and ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai:

C Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us.

C 383 A Great and Mighty Wonder

Abe Acton

The third name of Jesus is... Root of Jesse

We first hear this name in the Old Testament in a reading from Isaiah, chapter 11.

¹ There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.... ¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples – of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

Trevor Acree

Then we hear of its fulfillment in a reading from Revelation, chapter 5.

⁵ And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.” ⁶ And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain.

Jesus is the Root of Jesse. He is the One who has conquered sin and death by His own death on the cross and His resurrection from the dead. The fruit He bears is our eternal life.

Let us pray: O Root of Jesse, standing as an ensign before the peoples, before whom all kings are mute, to whom the nations will do homage:

☐ Come quickly to deliver us.

Preschool Children - 364 Away in a Manger

Stanza 1

Max Hoene

The fourth name of Jesus is... Key of David

We first hear this name in the Old Testament in a reading from Isaiah, chapter 22.

²² And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David. He shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open.

Anslee Hawkins

Then we hear of its fulfillment in a reading from Revelation, chapter 3.

⁷ And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: ‘The words of the holy one, the true one, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, who shuts and no

one opens. ⁸ I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.’

Jesus is the Key of David. He opens the door to Paradise for us through His death and resurrection. Through Him alone, this door is always open.

Let us pray: O Key of David and scepter of the house of Israel, You open and no one can close, you close and no one can open:

☐ Come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness and the shadow of death.

Preschool children - 392 God Loves Me Dearly

Stanza 1

Laurie Schultz

The fifth name of Jesus is... Dayspring.

We first hear this name in the Old Testament in a reading from Isaiah, chapter 60.

¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ² For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

Joe Acree

Then we hear of its fulfillment in a reading from Luke, chapter 1.

⁷⁸ Because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high ⁷⁹ to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Jesus is the Dayspring. The light of His grace and mercy shines on us and drives away the darkness of our sin. His light also guides us into His eternal peace.

Let us pray: O Dayspring, splendor of light everlasting:

☐ Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

☐ 367 Angels from the Realms of Glory

Max Hoene

The sixth name of Jesus is... King of the nations

We first hear this name in the Old Testament in a reading from Jeremiah, chapter 10.

⁷ Who would not fear you, O King of the nations? For this is your due; for among all the wise ones of the nations and in all their kingdoms there is none like you.

Laurie Schultz

Then we hear of its fulfillment in a reading from Matthew, chapter 21.

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

Jesus is the King of the nations and their cornerstone. He rules as the only good and gracious King. He holds all people together and we, as His children, are built upon Him as our sure cornerstone.

Let us pray: O King of the nations, the ruler they long for, the cornerstone uniting all people:

☛ Come and save us all, whom You formed out of clay.

☛ 376 Once in Royal David’s City

Joe Acree

The seventh name of Jesus is... Emmanuel

We first hear this name in the Old Testament in a reading from Isaiah, chapter 7.

¹⁴ Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

Rayleigh Acton

Then we hear of its fulfillment in a reading from Matthew, chapter 1.

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the

Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: ²³ “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” ²⁴ When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵ but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

Joe Acree

Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us. He became flesh and came to the world in order to save us from sin and death. He continues to be with us through His Word and His Sacraments, daily and richly forgiving us all our sins. And He will be with us forever as He will come again to raise us from the dead to live with Him in the new heavens and the new earth.

Let us pray: O Emmanuel, our king and our Lord, the anointed for the nations and their Savior:

☐ Come and save us, O Lord our God.

☐ 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Stanzas 4-7

Abe Acton

Christmas is a time for us to give thanks to God for the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. But Christmas isn't just a time to think about His birth over 2000 years ago. It's a time for us to remember how Jesus continues to come to us now and how He will come again to bring us into Paradise.

Trevor Acree

Because Jesus is Wisdom.
He is Adonai.
He is the Root of Jesse.
He is the Key of David.
He is our Dayspring.
He is the King of the nations.
And He is Emmanuel, God with us.

© 387 Joy to the World

Rayleigh Acton

Let us now join together and pray the prayer which our Lord has taught us:

© Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Laurie Schultz

May our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you this Christmas and may the celebration of His birth always remind you of how He comes to you to give you all of His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation.

© 363 Silent Night, Holy Night

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We invite you join us as we continue to celebrate the birth of our Savior:

12/24 @ 11:00 PM - Christmas Eve lessons and carols candlelight service
12/25 @ 9:00 AM – Christmas Day Divine Service

Divine Service every Sunday at 9:00 AM.