

The First Sunday in Advent
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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us

The season of Advent focuses on the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and this first Sunday establishes this theme for the rest of the season. The Son of God came long ago to be our Savior, “a righteous Branch” descended from David (Jer. 33:15). As He then came into Jerusalem, riding on a lowly donkey to sacrifice Himself for the sins of the world (Luke 19:28-40), so does He come to His Church today in the humility of Word and Sacrament to deliver the fruits of His Passion: the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. He absolves us and establishes our hearts “blameless in holiness before our God and Father” (1 Thess. 3:13). The same Lord Jesus, who came to Jerusalem then and who comes to us now in peace, will come again with power and great glory on the Last Day. Then there will be “distress of nations in perplexity,” with “people fainting with fear.” Yet, as we anticipate that great and terrible day, He bids us to rest securely in Him: “Raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near” (Luke 21:25, 26, 28).

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

341 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation

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- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

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- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit*Psalm 89:6, 14–16, 18; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

- P** Behold, your king is coming to you;
C **righteous and having salvation.**
P Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?
C **Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?**
P Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;
C **steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.**
P Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,
C **who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,**
P who exult in your name all the day
C **and in your righteousness are exalted.**
P For our shield belongs to the LORD,
C **our king to the Holy One of Israel.**
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**
P Behold, your king is coming to you;
C **righteous and having salvation.**

Kyrie

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- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



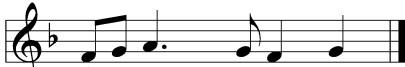
- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

- P** Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:14–16

- A** The Old Testament Reading for The First Sunday in Advent is from the thirty-third chapter of the prophecy of Jeremiah.

¹⁴Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up

for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely.
 And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our
 righteousness.'"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

A The Second Reading is from the third chapter of the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Thessalonians.

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

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C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel*Luke 19:28–40*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.



G Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

²⁸When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" ³⁴And they said, "The Lord has need of it." ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

332 Savior of the Nations, Come

Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

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C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sit

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.

Stand

955 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
 cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
 sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the

hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore-taste of the feast to come.

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Prayer of the Church

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- P** . . . Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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- P** The Lord be with you.

- C** And al - so with you.

- P** Lift up your hearts.

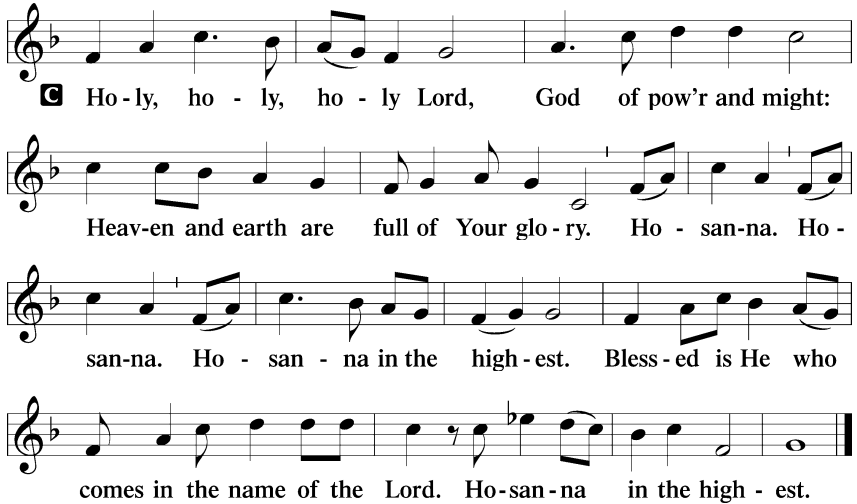
- C** We lift them to the Lord.

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface (Full)

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus*LSB 161*


C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving*LSB 161*

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood

Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

Silent Prayer Just Before Communing: *Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Silent Prayer Just After Communing: *Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*

357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

333 Once He Came in Blessing

Stand

The Communion Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

C Amen.

Thank the Lord

LSB 164



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

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 ✠ give you peace.



C A - men.

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Silent Prayer

Announcements

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A decorative graphic for the Advent Schedule. It features five lit candles in purple, pink, and white, arranged in a semi-circle. The central candle is white and taller than the others. Behind the candles are green holly leaves and brown pinecones. Below the candles, the words "Advent Schedule" are written in a black, elegant cursive font.

Advent Schedule

Sunday, December 1

9:30 am First Sunday in Advent Serv.
10:45 am Children's Christmas Practice

Wednesday, December 4

9:30 am Mid-Week Advent Service
10:30 am Advent Breakfast

Sunday, December 8

9:30 am Second Sunday in Advent
10:45 am Children's Christmas Practice

Wednesday, December 11

6:00 pm Advent Pot-luck Dinner
7:00 pm Mid-Week Advent Service

Sunday, December 15

9:30 am Third Sunday in Advent
10:45 am Children's Christmas Practice

Wednesday, December 18

9:30 am Mid-Week Advent Service
10:30 am Advent Breakfast

Sunday, December 22

9:30 am Children's Christmas
9:45 am Fourth Sunday in Advent

Tuesday, December 24

6:00 pm Candlelight Service



Dear Food Basket Helpers,

Thank you for your support of our Food Basket program! As we look forward to the upcoming holidays, we would like to provide support for those in need for Christmas. We will continue to purchase Aldi gift cards to send to our families in need. If you would like to donate to help purchase the gift cards it would be much appreciated.

Please make your donations for the Christmas Gift Cards by Sunday December 8th so we have time to purchase cards and send them to the families.

Include your donations with your offering and mark your envelope Social Ministry Food Baskets.

This is a difficult time for all, but we still need to care for those less fortunate. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry!

Social Ministry





The Glad Spirit St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

December 1, 2024

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Jeanette & Roberto Ramirez, Family Isabella, Antonio, Dominic
Richard & Janice Reichert
Nicole Reichert
Heather Reichert
Tiffany Reichert

BIRTHDAYS

Olive Dunne, 12/5

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Dolly Tatgenhorst, 12/1
Deb Brandy, 12/2
David Hudson Jr., 12/6

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Pray for Norma Allen, Janice Abel, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey,
Pastor and Pam Collins, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman,
Shirley Emerick, Latricia Harris, Ed Hoeksema Jr., Doris Leifert,
Chester Orendorff, Violet Rich, Dolly Tagenhorst, Warren Van Mynen,
Gene Wiltjer, Ray Zander.

Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, James Fluechtling,
Dakoda Gaut and Nathan Lopez.

Serving as First Responders – David Allen, Dave Bloom,
Nathan Conway, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth,
Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.



NEWS UPDATE



St. Paul Book Club will meet Tuesday December 10th at 10:00 am, to review *Confessions of a Christmasholic* by Josh Wood. We always welcome new members. We enjoy fellowship and lunch following the discussion.

Christ For You the week of December 1st on KFUE.org: Sharper Iron airs a new series called “The Fifth Evangelist” (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), going through the book of Isaiah. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), we enter into Holy Week, taking a look at chapters 12-14 in John’s Gospel. Join us live on Sunday and Wednesday (1:00 and 7:00 p.m. CT) as we bring back a special 100th anniversary edition of JOY!, a one-hour program of sacred music for the Advent season. Find the full program schedule at kfuo.org/joy.

Sacred Music for the Advent Season... “Savior of the Nations, Come,” “On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry,” “Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending,” “Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding,” “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” You can listen to sacred music for the Advent season 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

Word of Hope offers free and confidential counseling to women and men struggling with an abortion experience. If you would like more information on how Word of Hope can help you or someone you love, visit our website at www.word-of-hope.org. You can be healed.

We’d love to see you in worship. Our worship services are every Sunday at 9:30 AM. If you are unable to attend it can be viewed on Facebook live at www.facebook.com/splcms/videos. A previous recording is also available. Bulletins for the services are available for viewing or download on our website at www.splcms.org/worship.

“Do you ever doubt the love of God? Perhaps you are just ‘looking for love in all the wrong places,’ if you’ll pardon the expression. Don’t look to your own feelings and emotions which can change with the wind, but look to Bethlehem and the manger. See God’s love in this that His only begotten Son was sent to be humbled and to die for you. Understand that at Christmas ‘God so loved the world that He gave ...’” Daily Devotion, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

A "Rock Concert"

"I tell you," he replied, "if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out." Luke 19:40 (NIV)

Based on Luke 19:28-40



L M Z C L O A K S P D T Z L L
 G L O R Y N C V C D R Q B R K
 A L J E L A M T I O V A G N B
 R T O U J M J P C L L K I T M
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 KING
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VILLAGE
 LORD
 BLESSED
 SPREAD

GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION



ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

November 24th 9:30am Attendance 7, 2 Online
 November 24th 4:00pm Attendance 76, 41 Communed

Envelopes	\$637.00	Weekly Missions	\$20.00
Basket	528.00	Luth. Church Charity	10.00
Thanksgiving	486.00	Church Maint	20.00
Freewill	271.00	Social Ministry	45.00
Budgeted Total	<u>1,922.00</u>	Non-budgeted Total	<u>\$95.00</u>
Offering Needed	<u>1,362.00</u>		
	\$560.00		



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...
	10:45 am	Children's Christmas Practice
Monday		
Tuesday		
Wednesday	9:30 am	Advent Worship Service
	10:30 am	Advent Breakfast & Fellowship
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...
	10:45 am	Children's Christmas Practice

SERVANT SCHEDULE

	Sun, Dec 1, 9:30 AM	Sun, Dec 8, 9:30 AM
Pastor	Rev. Mark Zuehsow	Rev. Mark Zuehsow
Usher		Louis Sella
Lay Reader		

DONATIONS



FOOD PANTRY



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