

# First Sunday in Advent

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## ✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

### Words of Welcome

#### Opening Sentences

**P** We begin in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** The LORD says, "I will fulfill the promise I made to the houses of Israel and Judah."

**C** **We thank You, O Lord!** (Revelation 4:11)

**P** The LORD says, "My righteous Branch will cause justice and righteousness to spring up."

**C** **We adore You, O Lord!**

**P** The LORD says, "You will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."

**C** **We praise You, O Lord!** (Revelation 15:4)

**P** The LORD says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away."

**C** **We worship You, O Lord!** (Revelation 15:4)

#### Opening Hymn

LSB 331 (st. 1-3) | "The Advent of Our King"



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,  
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,  
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.  
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.  
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.

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#### Lighting of the Advent Wreath

**P** On the four Sundays in Advent, we light a new candle each week. We mark the four candles with these four words: hope, peace, joy, and love. Jesus Christ is the hope of the nations.

**C** **We wait for the Lord, and in His Word do we hope.**

The first candle on the Advent wreath is lit.

**P** Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

**C** **We light this candle anticipating the coming light of Christ.**

**P** "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined." (Isaiah 9:2)


**C** **Come, Lord Jesus, our Light and Life!**

**P** Let us pray. Lord of hope, let the lighting of this candle signify that You are the light that shines in all the darkness of our lives. As we wait, watch, hope, and pray, guide us all to reflect Your light and let it shine; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn of Response

LSB 331 (st. 4 & 5) | "The Advent of Our King"



4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain  
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5 Before the dawning day  
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away,  
The new self now put on.

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## Confession of Our Sins

**P** In the season of Advent, we prepare for Jesus to come. We await the celebration of His birth at Christmas. We remember His arrival in Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. We long for His glorious return. As we wait, we consider how unworthy we are to have Jesus in our presence.

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

Heavenly Father,

**C** **we confess that our faith has been lacking. We have not abounded in love for one another or for You. Our hearts are filled with blame and shame, with corruption and conceit. Forgive us, strengthen our faith, and purify our hearts. Amen.**

## Forgiveness of Our Sins

**P** Jesus not only comes as an infant at Christmas and in glory at His return, but He also comes to you in words of forgiveness and life. Hear these words of forgiveness, for they are from Christ Himself: 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.**

## Hymn of Praise


LSB 357 (st. 1 & 4) | "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"




1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive  
4 O come, Thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, Free them from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
tyr - an - ny That trust Thy might - y pow'r to save,



*Refrain*  
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - jice! Re - jice!  
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - jice! Re - jice!



Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!  
Em - man - u - el Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

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## Prayer of the Day

**P** Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## Old Testament Reading | Jeremiah 33:14-16

<sup>14</sup>Behold, 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. <sup>15</sup>In 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. <sup>16</sup>In 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.'

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

## Epistle Reading | 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

<sup>9</sup>For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup>as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? <sup>11</sup>Now may our God and Father Himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup>and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup>so 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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

## Holy Gospel | Luke 19:28-40

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



**C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup>And when He had said these things, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup>When He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, "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. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. <sup>33</sup>And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>And they said, "The Lord has need of it." <sup>35</sup>And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>And as He rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As 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, <sup>38</sup>saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" <sup>39</sup>And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." <sup>40</sup>He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Profession of Faith | Apostles' Creed

**A** *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.*

### Hymn of the Day

LSB 332 (st. 1-4) | "Savior of the Nations, Come"



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make  
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it  
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a  
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,  
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—  
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:  
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.  
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.  
God was there up - on His throne.  
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

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### Message

### Response Verses

LSB 332 (st. 5 & 7) | "Savior of the Nations, Come"

5 God the Father was His source,  
Back to God He ran His course.  
Into hell His road went down,  
Back then to His throne and crown.

7 From the manger newborn light  
Shines in glory through the night.  
Darkness there no more resides;  
In this light faith now abides.

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love and salvation. Our offerings are an important part of our worship. Also, take a moment to fill out a Friendship Card and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

## Choir Anthem | “Come Now, O Prince of Peace” | G. Lee

### Prayers of God’s People

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who do not know You, those who have rejected You, and those who are straying from You. Unite them to Your glorious throne and dwell in their hearts. “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!”

**C Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who are lonely and in need of Your presence. Come to the homeless, the unemployed, the underemployed, the homebound, the mentally ill, those who are in transition, and anyone else who experiences the pain of loneliness. Remind them of Your incarnation and lead them to Your Church, where we bear one another’s burdens. “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!”

**C Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who are oppressed and at the mercy of others. Rescue those who are suffering, abused, neglected, and hated. Comfort them with Your tender presence and love. “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!”

**C Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who are sick, injured, and recovering, (especially ...). Strengthen them with Your healing hand and with Your unwavering presence. “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!”

**C Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”**

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, come to those who grieve and mourn the death of loved ones. (Today we remember the families and friends of ...) Comfort them with the hope of resurrection life that is ours in Christ Jesus. “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!”

**C Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”**

(Special petitions may be offered.)

**P** For these and whatsoever else we should ask, we pray to You in the name of Jesus, Your Son, our Savior, who has taught us how to pray:

**A** *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.*


### Benediction

**P** The blessing of God Almighty—the Father who promised, the ✠ Son who came to save, and the Holy Spirit who sends us out in love—bless you now and always.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

### Closing Hymn

LSB 341 (st. 1-3, 5) | “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold, the  
2 A righ - teous Help - er comes to thee; His char - iot  
3 How blest the land, the cit - y blest, Where Christ the

King of glo - ry waits. The King of kings is draw - ing  
 is hu - mil - i - ty, His king - ly crown is ho - li -  
 rul - er is con - fessed! O peace - ful hearts and hap - py

near; The Sav - ior of the world is here. Life and sal -  
 ness, His scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress. The end of  
 homes To whom this King in tri - umph comes! The cloud - less

va - tion He doth bring; There - fore re - jice and glad - ly sing.  
 all our woe He brings; There - fore the earth is glad and sings.  
 sun of joy is He Who comes to set His peo - ple free.

To God the Fa - ther raise Your joy - ful songs of praise.  
 To Christ the Sav - ior raise Your grate - ful hymns of praise.  
 To God the Spir - it raise Your hap - py shouts of praise.

5 Redeemer, come and open wide  
 My heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide!  
 O enter with Thy grace divine;  
 Thy face of mercy on me shine.  
 Thy Holy Spirit guide us on  
 Until our glorious goal is won.  
 Eternal praise and fame  
 We offer to Thy name.

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## Sending

**P** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness!

**C** Thanks be to God!

## Postlude

✠ TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY ✠