

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

"May God's Advent Blessing Be upon You"

Luke 21:25-36

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We warmly welcome you in the name of Jesus!

We are always glad to have you worship with us.

*If you do not have a regular church home,
we invite you to make our church home yours.*

- † Our worship services are on Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:00 AM. We also invite and encourage you to join us in Sunday School and Bible Study at 9:45 AM.
- † Assisted hearing devices, children's bulletins, and large print service folders are available -- please ask an usher for one.
- † While we encourage children to be present in worship, the upstairs cry room opposite the elevator is available for you.
- † Our worship services can now be viewed on the church's Facebook page (live or after the service), as well as on our YouTube channel. *The Lutheran Hour* can be heard on Sundays at 9:00 AM at KAWZ (102.7FM).

Prayer before worship:

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

AS WE GATHER Advent is a season for us to grow in hope. We gather amid a world that in many ways seems hopeless. Extremists on both ends of the political spectrum seem to control almost everything we hear, read, and see. Deep divisions over race, politics, and economics loom over us like a dark storm cloud. How can the Church possibly make a difference in all of this? Today's Readings acknowledge the distress and fear that the world's foundations are being shaken. And right in the middle of it all, there is hope. Jesus says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away" (Luke 21:33). The prophet Jeremiah declares God's promise to restore His people and all creation. If we were left to ourselves, there would be little room for such hope. But God does not leave us alone. By His Word and Sacraments, God establishes our hearts and prepares us for Jesus' coming final restoration. Until that day, we wait, we pray, we hope.

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Confession and Absolution

Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Welcome and Opening Prayer



1 O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?
 2 Your Zi - on strews be - fore You Green boughs and fair - est palms;
 3 I lay in fet - ters, groan - ing; You came to set me free.
 4 Love caused Your in - car - na - tion; Love brought You down to me.



Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!
 And I too will a - dore You With joy - ous songs and psalms.
 I stood, my shame be - moan - ing; You came to hon - or me.
 Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.



O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, Your lamp with - in my breast
 My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais - es new
 A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high
 Oh, love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace



To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.
 And from Your name shall nev - er With - hold the hon - or due.
 That will not fail or leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.
 In love, all love ex - cel - ling, Our lost and fall - en race.

- 5 Sin's debt, that fearful burden,
 Cannot His love erase;
 Your guilt the Lord will pardon
 And cover by His grace.
 He comes, for you procuring
 The peace of sin forgiv'n,
 His children thus securing
 Eternal life in heav'n.**
- 6 He comes to judge the nations,
 A terror to His foes,
 A light of consolations
 And blessed hope to those
 Who love the Lord's appearing.
 O glorious Sun, now come,
 Send forth Your beams so cheering,
 And guide us safely home.**

Please stand.

Invocation and Opening Sentences

Jeremiah 33:14–15; Luke 21:27, 33, adapt.

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

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Leader: The LORD says, “I will fulfill the promise I made to the houses of Israel and Judah.”

People: We thank You, O Lord!

Leader: The LORD says, “My righteous Branch will cause justice and righteousness to spring up.”

People: We adore You, O Lord!

Leader: The LORD says, “You will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.”

People: We praise You, O Lord!

Leader: The LORD says, “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away.”

People: We worship You, O Lord!

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

One Advent candle is lit.

Leader: Let us pray.

O Lord, 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.

People: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 25:6–7

Leader: Having emerged from the waters of Baptism as God’s new creation in Christ, we confess our sins to God and one another.

A time of silence is observed.

Leader: We confess to You, O Lord, that we are captive to sin in thought, word, and deed. We have neither loved You with our whole heart nor loved our neighbors as ourselves.

People: Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

Leader: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

People: according to Your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O LORD!

Hymn

[tune: VENI EMMANUEL]



1 For-give us, Lord, for times when hope was lost, And

mo - ments when we nev - er thought to trust, For
times when we de - spair and for - get That
You are where all joy and truth have met.
For - give, for - give, for - give us all our
sins And help us hope and trust You with - out end.

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Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

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

Leader: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

People: **Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD? Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?**

Leader: Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; steadfast love and faithfulness go before You.

People: **Blessed are the people who know the festal shout, who walk, O LORD, in the light of Your face,**

Leader: who exult in Your name all the day and in Your righteousness are exalted.

People: **For our shield belongs to the LORD, our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

**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.**

Leader: Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

Kyrie

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection

People: we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins

Pastor: and saved by Your mighty deliverance;

People: for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. Please be seated.

Anthem

“Waiting Here for You”

by C. Tomlin, J. Reeves, M. Smith

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:14–16

The prophet Jeremiah foresees a day when God would come to bring righteousness to His people.

Reader: “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. 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. 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.’”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

Paul reminds us that God can cause us to abound in love for one another as we await the coming of the Lord.

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

Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, 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.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Reader: Please stand in reverence to the Gospel.

Alleluia



Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

The kingdom of God is near.

Luke 21:25–36

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.



Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Pastor: [Jesus said:] “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostle’s Creed

**ALL: 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.

Please be seated.

Hymn of the Day

Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332

Please stand for the final Trinitarian verse. △



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.

**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.**

**6 For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.**

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

**△ 8 Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,**

**Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.**

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Sermon **“May God’s Advent Blessing Be upon You”** **Luke 21:25-36**

Offering *During this time, we invite you to sign and pass the Friendship Book. All communicants are invited to read and prayerfully consider the following.*

We believe that...

- † *Holy Communion is a Sacrament since it was instituted by Christ Himself.*
- † *We are truly worthy and well prepared to partake of Holy Communion when we repent of our sins and have faith in these words, “Given and shed for you for the remission of sins.”*
- † *We receive the bread and wine and the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ when, as repentant, true believers we partake of Holy Communion.*

Our Savior Lutheran Church practices close communion.

What does this mean?

Confirmed members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are welcome to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of our church or one of our sister congregations, we encourage you to speak to the pastor about preparing to participate in communion at Our Savior.

† *Children and those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing (indicated by folded hands), or to remain seated for individual prayer. When the wine is offered, communicants have the choice of an individual cup or the common cup. Individual cups containing DARK WINE are alcohol-free for those with medical need only, please.*

Please stand.

Offertory

printed music found in LSB on p. 192

**ALL: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

After each petition:

Pastor: We pray,

People: hear us, coming Lord.

The prayers conclude:

Pastor: All our prayer we entrust to You in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spir - it.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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

C It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor: 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:

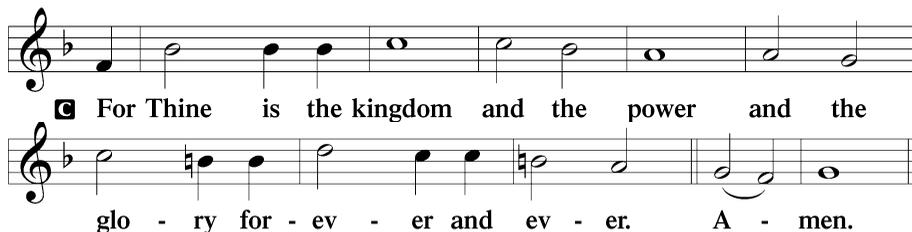
Sanctus

printed music found in LSB on p. 195

ALL: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer *The first section is spoken by the pastor.*

Pastor: 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
glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My \ddagger body given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My \ddagger blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.



A - men.

Agnus Dei

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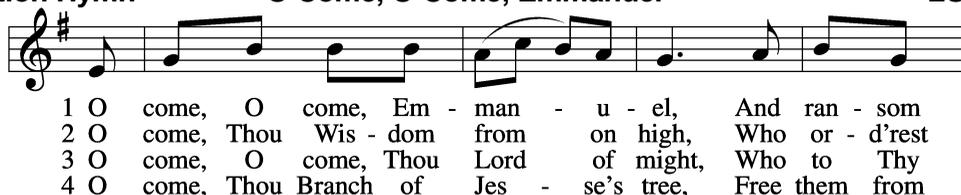
ALL: O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
have mercy upon us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Distribution *Please be seated. If you are communing, please come forward at the bidding of the ushers.*

Distribution 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.

Refrain



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**

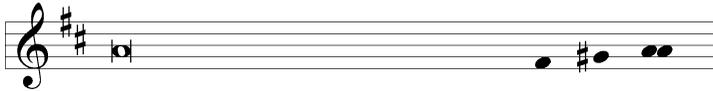
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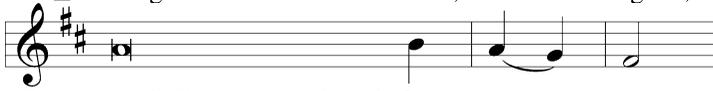
Nunc Dimittis

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ALL: Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
 for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face
 of all people,
 a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Pastor: Let us pray.

Pastor: Thank You, Lord, for this gift of Christ's body and blood. Grant that His presence with us in the Meal fill our hearts with Your peace, that our hope for that great coming day of restoration may abound; 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.

Salutation and Benedicamus



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn Verses

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

LSB 508, sts. 5-7



5 My Sav - ior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smit - ten;
6 May Christ our in - ter - ces - sor be And through His blood and mer - it
7 O Je - sus Christ, do not de - lay, But has - ten our sal - va - tion;



With - in the Book of Life I know My name has now been
Read from His book that we are free With all who life in -
We of - ten trem - ble on our way In fear and trib - u -



writ - ten. I will not doubt, for I am free, And Sa - tan
her - it. Then we shall see Him face to face, With all His
la - tion. O hear and grant our fer - vent plea: Come, might - y



can - not threat - en me; There is no con - dem - na - tion!
saints in that blest place Which He has pur - chased for us.
judge, and set us free From death and ev - 'ry e - vil.

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Silent Prayer/Postlude

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Our mission is to teach, love, and connect...teach all ages about Jesus, love one another as God loves us, and connect with others in a hurting world.

Readings for next Sunday:

Malachi 3:1-7b

Psalm 66:1-12

Philippians 1:2-11

Luke 3:1-20
