



# First Sunday in Advent

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The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as our Lord says, Christ gives not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another (Matthew 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34). Those who believe this, have been baptized, and have been confirmed in the Lutheran Church are welcome to receive the Supper in fellowship. If you have not, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing (crossing your arms over your chest) and are invited to speak with the pastor about taking communion in the future.

## Divine Service Setting Three

**Processional Hymn: Prepare the Royal Highway**

*LSB 343, sts. 1, ref*

**Opening Hymn: Let us Come**

*SH 17*

*Liturgy will be spoken*

*Stand*

**Confession and Absolution**

*LSB 184*

**Service of the Word**

*LSB 186*

**Introit**

*Psalm 25:1–3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

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

To you, O LORD,  
I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**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.**

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

**Kyrie**

*LSB 186*

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

*LSB 189*

**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** Amen.

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 64:1–9*

<sup>1</sup>Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence—  
<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome things that we did not look for,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
<sup>4</sup>From of old no one has heard  
or perceived by the ear,  
no eye has seen a God besides you,  
who acts for those who wait for him.  
<sup>5</sup>You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;  
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?  
<sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
<sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls upon your name,  
who rouses himself to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.  
<sup>8</sup>But now, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.  
<sup>9</sup>Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,  
and remember not iniquity forever.  
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 80:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock!\*

**You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.**

<sup>2</sup>Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,\*  
stir up your might  
**and come to save us!**

<sup>3</sup>Restore us, O God;\*  
**let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

<sup>4</sup>O LORD God of hosts,\*  
**how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**

<sup>5</sup>You have fed them with the bread of tears\*  
**and given them tears to drink in full measure.**

<sup>6</sup>You make us an object of contention for our neighbors,\*  
**and our enemies laugh among themselves.**

<sup>7</sup>Restore us, O God of hosts;\*  
**let your face shine, that we may be saved!**

**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.**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 1:3–9*

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24–37

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the thirteenth chapter.

**C** **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, <sup>25</sup>and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. <sup>26</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. <sup>27</sup>And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

<sup>28</sup>“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. <sup>30</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. <sup>31</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

<sup>32</sup>“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup>Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup>It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. <sup>35</sup>Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— <sup>36</sup>lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. <sup>37</sup>And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

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

**C** **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## Nicene Creed

LSB 191

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come**  
**Sermon**

LSB 350

*Stand*

**Offertory** *LSB 192*  
**Prayer of the Church**

## **Service of the Sacrament**

**Preface** *LSB 194*

**P** It is truly meet, 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 195*

**Lord's Prayer** *LSB 196*

**The Words of Our Lord** *LSB 197*

**Pax Domini** *LSB 197*

**Agnus Dei** *LSB 198*

*Sit*

**Distribution Hymn:**

**In the Bread, in the Wine** *LSB 23*

**God Loves Me Dearly** *LSB 392*

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis** *LSB 199*

**Thanksgiving** *LSB 200*

**Benedicamus & Benediction** *LSB 202*

**Closing Hymn: Hope of the Nations** *SH 30*

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## Prayer Requests

Margaret, Gail and her family, Jean, Bruce, Wilfred, Ruth, Lillian B, Robert, David, Laura, Judith, Lynn, Paul, Queen, Eve, Noah, Hannes, Gloria, Courtenay, Laura R.

## Serving

Elder of the Month: Bert Weiss

Altar Guild: Deborah & Eleanor

Tellers: Loofs & Rushton

Lector: Susan Theim

Organist: Barbara Guidetti

## Coming Up...

**Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>:** 10:00 am Bible Study

**Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>:** 7:00 pm Midweek Advent 1 Prayer Service

**Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup>:** 1:00 pm Sewing Group

**Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>:** 10:00 am Confirmation Class

3:00 pm Chimes Rehearsal

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>:** Second Sunday in Advent

10:30 am Worship

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>:** Lutheran Hour: "A-T Walker" (Isaiah 40:3) A wilderness can be scary, but if someone is with you who knows the way out, you're not really lost. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Hear this inspirational message on KAWZ, 88.3 FM at 7 a.m. Sunday. Streaming audio and podcasts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

**Midweek Advent Services:** Join us this coming Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> for Midweek Service Advent 1 at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend!

**Christmas Concert:** Join us at Redeemer on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm for a concert by St Sophia's Orthodox Church Choir. They will be singing some of their liturgical music for the season of Christmas.

**Cookie Walk:** On Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at noon, the ladies of the Hope will be packaging cookies for our Shut-ins. If you would like to contribute some of your fine baked goods, please bring a baker's dozen of cookies to the church by December 14. Better yet, come and join us for lunch, a short devotion, and do the cookies walk with us.

**Seeking for a Driver:** If you are available to assist, Otto Welk is seeking for a ride to church on Sundays. Otto resides at The Victorian on Feltham Road. Contact Pastor Chandler for more details.

## Advent Season

Come and join us celebrate the Season of Advent. Bring a friend or neighbour and share the joy of our coming Lord.

December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	First Sunday in Advent 10:30 am
December 6 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek Service Advent 1 7:00 pm
December 10 <sup>th</sup>	Second Sunday in Advent 10:30 am
December 13 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek Service Advent 2 7:00 pm
December 17 <sup>th</sup>	Third Sunday in Advent 10:30 am
December 20 <sup>th</sup>	Midweek Service Advent 3 7:00 pm
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	Fourth Sunday in Advent 10:30 am
December 24 <sup>th</sup>	Candlelight Service 5:00 pm
December 25 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Day Service 10:30 am Potluck Lunch – 12:00 pm

