

*First Sunday in Advent*  
*November 29, 2020*



## **AS WE GATHER**

The Church Year begins by taking us to the scene of our Lord's final entry into Jerusalem that great and holy week. Yes, Christmas is at hand. Surely the preparations for the celebration of His incarnation, His earthly birth of the Virgin Mary, are already well under way. But wait a moment. We enter this new year already knowing why He became incarnate of the Holy Spirit for us and for our salvation, which is only by way of His passion, death, and resurrection. We begin by continuing to "wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ" on the Last Day (1 Corinthians 1:7), sustained by Him now in the forgiveness of our sins, guiltless and ready. In readiness, we boldly pray that our Lord comes to rescue and save us.

## **+ PREPARATION +**

### **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

"The Advent of our God" (arr. Brandon) & "Prepare the Royal Highway" (arr. Farlee)

### **MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

### **331 THE ADVENT OF OUR KING**

- 1    The advent of our King  
      Our prayers must now employ,  
      And we must hymns of welcome sing  
      In strains of holy joy.
- 2    The everlasting Son  
      Incarnate deigns to be,  
      Himself a servant's form puts on  
      To set His servants free.
- 5    Before the dawning day  
      Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
      The sinful self be put away,  
      The new self now put on.
- △ 6    All glory to the Son,  
      Who comes to set us free,  
      With Father, Spirit, ever one  
      Through all eternity.

### **INVOCATION**

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

### **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*1 John 1:8; John 3:16; Matthew 5:16*

- P** As we begin a new Church Year, let us put behind us everything in the past that would disqualify us from a new life, and remembering our Baptism, we boldly petition our Savior Jesus Christ, seeking for our entry into His presence and His plan and future for us, saying, stir up Your power, O Lord, and come,

- C** that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance.
- P** What are those threatening perils? I now ask you before God, who searches the heart, do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserved His wrath and punishment?
- C** I do confess.
- P** So you should confess as Holy Scripture says, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."  
Do you also repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed?
- C** I do repent.
- P** So you should repent as did King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the sinful woman; the prodigal son; and others.  
Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Jesus' sake, will forgive you all your sins?
- C** I do believe.
- P** So you should believe as Holy Scripture declares, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life."  
Do you promise that with the aid of the Holy Spirit you will amend your sinful life?
- C** I do promise.
- P** So you should promise for Christ the Lord says, "Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."  
Finally, do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins?
- C** I do believe.
- P** As you believe, even so may it be to you. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come,
- C** that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance. Amen.

## LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

- P** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
- C** the light no darkness can overcome.
- P** Let Your light scatter the darkness
- C** and illumine Your Church.

# WE LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE

st. 1

1 We light the Ad - vent can - dle And wait for Christ to  
come. With hope, we trust the prom - ise That  
He will bring us home. Our hope is in our  
Sav - ior Who wins for us God's fa - vor. We  
wait with grow - ing light Till God makes all things right!

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+ WORD +

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**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.

**G** 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.

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

**G** Thanks be to God.

## 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!

## 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.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## HOLY GOSPEL

*Mark 11:1–10*

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. <sup>5</sup>And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. <sup>7</sup>And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. <sup>9</sup>And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

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

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### 332 SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME

*sts. 1–2, 6–8*

- 1 Savior of the nations, come,  
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,  
That the Lord chose such a birth.
- 2 Not by human flesh and blood,  
By the Spirit of our God,  
Was the Word of God made flesh—  
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.
- 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** “Who needs saving?” Psalm 80:1-7

## **NICENE CREED**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*After each petition, please respond with the following:*

**P** Lord in Your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

*At the end of the prayer:*

**C** **Amen.**

## **+ SACRAMENT +**

## **PREFACE**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also 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**

**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** **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.**

**Hosanna. Hosanna.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

# WORDS OF OUR LORD

## LORD'S PRAYER

### PAX DOMINI

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**G** Amen.

### AGNUS DEI

LSB 163

**G** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## + DISTRIBUTION HYMNS +

### 350 COME, THOU PRECIOUS RANSOM, COME

- 1 Come, Thou precious Ransom, come,  
Only hope for sinful mortals!  
Come, O Savior of the world!  
Open are to Thee all portals.  
Come, Thy beauty let us see;  
Anxiously we wait for Thee.
- 2 Enter now my waiting heart,  
Glorious King and Lord most holy.  
Dwell in me and ne'er depart,  
Though I am but poor and lowly.  
Ah, what riches will be mine  
When Thou art my guest divine!
- 3 My hosannas and my palms  
Graciously receive, I pray Thee;  
Evermore, as best I can,  
Savior, I will homage pay Thee,  
And in faith I will embrace,  
Lord, Thy merit through Thy grace.
- 4 Hail! Hosanna, David's Son!  
Jesus, hear our supplication!  
Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown,  
Bring us blessing and salvation,  
That forever we may sing:  
Hail! Hosanna to our King.

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## 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** **Amen.**

## 341 LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES

*sts. 1, 3, 5*

- 1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates!  
Behold, the King of glory waits.  
The King of kings is drawing near;  
The Savior of the world is here.  
Life and salvation He doth bring;  
Therefore rejoice and gladly sing.  
To God the Father raise  
Your joyful songs of praise.
- 3 How blest the land, the city blest,  
Where Christ the ruler is confessed!  
O peaceful hearts and happy homes  
To whom this King in triumph comes!  
The cloudless sun of joy is He  
Who comes to set His people free.  
To God the Spirit raise  
Your happy 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.

**POSTLUDE** “Lift Up Your Heads” (arr. Behnke) Organ

## DISMISSAL

**Pastor:** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.  
**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

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# Congregation at Prayer and Devotions for the Week

**Invocation** In the name of the Father, and of the Son ✠, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Introit** (found on front page)

**Catechism Review** (found on front page)

**Meditation:** Portals of Prayer, [www.lhm.org/dailydevotions](http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions), Other

## *Daily Scripture Readings*

- Sunday: Isaiah 5:1-25; 1 Peter 2:1-12
- Monday: Isaiah 6:1-7:9; 1 Peter 2:13-25
- Tuesday: Isaiah 7:10-8:8; 1 Peter 3:1-22
- Wednesday: Isaiah 8:9-9:7; 1 Peter 4:1-19
- Thursday: Isaiah 9:8-10:11; 1 Peter 5:1-14
- Friday: Isaiah 10:12-27a, 33-34; 2 Peter 1:1-21
- Saturday: Isaiah 11:1-12:6; 2 Peter 2:1-22

## *In Our Prayers This Week (as of Thursday morning)*

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|--|-------------------------------|
| Roger, health issues                                   | Al, health issues             |
| Bill, recovery   | Linda, brain cancer           |
| Larry, heart issues                                    | Family of Paul - passed away  |
| Becky, back pain                                       | Denise, addictions            |
| Camilla, 7-year-old with brain cancer                  | Carrie, healing from a stroke |
| Jack, ongoing health issues                            | Vonna's mother                |
| Dave, recovery   | Lauren's mother               |
| Eunice, Health Issues                                  | Jackie's mother               |
| Jim, Alzheimer's                                       | Sharron's father              |
| Roger, hospice   | Ross, Covid                   |
| Bill, recovering                                       | Carole, Covid                 |
| Larry, health issues                                   | Denise, Covid                 |
| Chris, recovering after a fall                         | Brent, hospital               |
| Sidney, granddaughter of Steinke's with medical issues |                               |

For those in nursing homes, medical professionals, those whose employment is in question, and that the Lord would miraculously make all signs of this virus disappear so all may know it is by His merciful hand. For peace and humility to dwell in the hearts of the people of our land.

**Our Savior Families:** Kenneth & Lisa, Alvin, Richard & Theresa, Lois, Gary & Shele, James & Gloria

**Hymn of the Week** "Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come" LSB 350

**Collect** (found on front page)

**Apostles' Creed, Lord's Prayer, Benediction**