

Lighting of the Advent Wreath - One Advent candle is lit.

P 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.

C Amen.

See This Wonder in the Making

LSB 593 vs. 1-2

- 1 See this wonder in the making: God Himself this child is taking
As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.
- 2 Miracle each time it happens As the door to heaven opens
And the Father beams, "Belovèd, Heir of gifts a king would covet!"

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Holy Baptism

LSB 268

See This Wonder in the Making

LSB 593 vs. 3-4

- 3 Far more tender than a mother, Far more caring than a father,
God, into Your arms we place her, With Your love and peace embrace her.
- 4 Here we bring a child of nature; Home we take a newborn creature,
Now God's precious son or daughter, Born again by Word and water.

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

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

C We thank You, O Lord!

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!

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

C We worship You, O Lord!

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 25:6–7

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

P 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.

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

P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;


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

Kyrie for the Four Sundays in Advent

(Tune: LSB 357)

1 Forgive us, Lord, for times when hope was lost,
And moments when we never thought to trust,
For times when we despair and forget
That You are where all joy and truth have met.
Forgive, forgive, forgive us all our sins
And help us hope and trust You without end.

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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.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

LSB 357 v. 1

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection

C we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins

P and saved by Your mighty deliverance;

C for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:14–16

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

LSB 340 v. 1

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.

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25–36

The Advent of Our King

LSB 331

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

P We pray,

C hear us, coming Lord.

Offering & Rite of Friendship

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LSB 805

Δ1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Advent Collect

P Let us pray.

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 on the Last Day, when He shall come again in glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to life immortal; through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction *1 Thessalonians 3:12–13; Numbers 6:24–26*

P May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, ... 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.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

LSB 348

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