

**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
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**Observing the First Sunday in Advent**

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OPENING HYMN

“The Advent of Our King”

LSB 331

**The advent of our King our prayers must now employ,  
and we must hymns of welcome sing in strains of holy joy.**

**The everlasting Son incarnate deigns to be,  
Himself a servant's form puts on to set His servants free.**

**O Zion's daughter, rise to meet your lowly King,  
nor let your faithless heart despise the peace He comes to bring.**

**As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come again,  
and His true members all unite with Him in heav'n to reign.**

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

**All glory to the Son, who comes to set us free,  
with Father, Spirit, ever one through all eternity.**

*Luke 19:28-40; Phil. 2:5-11; Eph. 4:22-24; Dan. 7:13-14*

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.** *Matt 28:19*

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** *1 Jn 1:8-9*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

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. *Jn 1:12; Phil. 1:6*

**C: Amen.**

**SERVICE OF THE WORD**

INTROIT

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. *Zech 9:9; Ps. 25:1-3*

KYRIE *Mark 10:47*

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

CANTICLE *Is. 7:10-14*

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Tim 4:22*

**C: ♪ And also with you.**

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 LESSON: Isaiah 64:1-9

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—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! When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. 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. 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? 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. 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. 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. 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.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.**

THE ALLELUIA

**C:** ♪ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C:** ♪ Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 13:24-37

“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. 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. 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. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. 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. 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 rooster crows, or in the morning— lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake. ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** ♪ Praise to you, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits on the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Savior of the Nations, Come”

LSB 332

**Savior of the nations, come, virgin's Son, make here Thy home!  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.**

**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.**

**Here a maid was found with child, yet remained a virgin mild.  
In her womb this truth was shown: God was there upon His throne.**

**Then stepped forth the Lord of all from His pure and kingly hall;  
God of God, yet fully man, His heroic course began.**

**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.**

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

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

**Glory to God the Father sing, glory to God the Son, our King.  
glory to God the Spirit be now and through eternity.**

*Jn.1:1; 14; Luke 2:30-32*

SERMON

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: ♪ And also with you.** *2 Tim 4:22*

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: ♪ We lift them to the Lord.** *Col. 3:1*

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: ♪ It is right to give him thanks and praise.** *Ps. 136*

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should in all times and 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 all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS *Isaiah 6:3; Matt. 21:9*

**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.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. *Jn. 20:19*

C:  Amen.

AGNUS DEI *Jn 1:29*

**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

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“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

LSB 700

**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down!  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;  
let us all in Thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all Thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.**

**Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee,  
changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!**

*Ps. 85:7-8; 1 Jn. 4:10 Rev. 7:9-17; 2 Cor. 5:17*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

NUNC DIMITTIS *Luke 2:29-32*

**Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.  
My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:  
a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people 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.**

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns”

LSB 348

**The King shall come when morning dawns and light triumphant breaks,  
when beauty gilds the eastern hills and life to joy awakes.**

**Not as of old a little child, to bear and fight and die,  
but crowned with glory like the sun that lights the morning sky.**

**Oh, brighter than the rising morn when Christ, victorious, rose  
and left the lonesome place of death despite the rage of foes.**

**Oh, brighter than that glorious morn shall dawn upon our race  
the day when Christ in splendor comes and we shall see His face.**

**The King shall come when morning dawns and light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray: Come quickly, King of kings!**

*Matt 25:31; Rev. 22:20; Dan.7:13-14*

†††COME QUICKLY LORD JESUS†††