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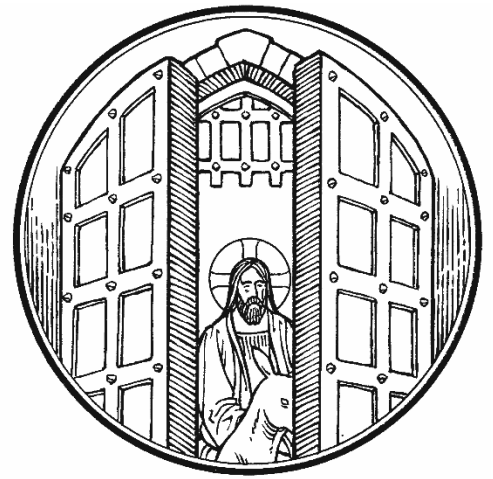
# THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

## Today's Readings:

Jeremiah 23:5-8    Romans 13:(8-10) 11-14    Matthew 21:1-9

### **The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us**

The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey" (Matt. 21:5). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be "The LORD is our Righteousness" (Jer. 23:5-6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ's body and blood, we also sing, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" (Matt. 21:9) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for "our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed" (Rom. 13:11).



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### **Hymn of the Day**

### **Savior of the Nations, Come**

**LSB 332**

In the fourth century, a lawyer named Ambrose was appointed Roman consul of Liguria and Aemilia. He moved to Milan, Italy, to take up this appointment, little knowing how his life would soon change. Not long after Ambrose's arrival, the bishop of Milan died. Since this bishop had sadly allied himself with a group of heretics, there was great concern about who the next bishop should be. While a great crowd was debating what should be done, someone shouted out that Ambrose should be bishop. Though at the time he was a layman and a catechumen, Ambrose was elected as bishop of Milan and compelled to accept the position. He was consecrated bishop just a week after he was baptized.

This zealous man did much for Christianity. He introduced the Eastern Church's custom of hymn singing into the Western Church and is known as the father of Latin hymnody. He also was very influential in battling Arianism, a heresy that claimed that Jesus was not fully God and not equal with the Father. This was the teaching that had beguiled his predecessor. Because of this concern, and his pastoral heart, Ambrose was very interested in the instruction of the laity. He combined his love of music and theology to craft songs that proclaimed Christian truths simply. His hymn "Savior of the Nations, Come" tells the story of the incarnation of the Son of God, who is truly and fully God.

Nearly 12 centuries later, Martin Luther, like Ambrose, was concerned for the layperson's understanding. He also joined Ambrose in thinking that music was a powerful tool for education. Luther said that he gave music the "highest place, next to theology" because he saw just what a beautiful and powerful thing it was. Luther probably translated this hymn into German for Advent 1523. His translation appears in the two earliest Lutheran hymnals of 1524.

To this day, Christians from a variety of backgrounds continue to sing this powerful Advent hymn that tells the story of the incarnation in a very straightforward way while reinforcing biblical teaching.

### **In His Service Today:**

**P** Rev. Aaron Schultz, Assoc. Pastor & Headmaster  
**A** Rev. Marcus Mackay, Senior Pastor

Organist/Kantor: Phil Lehman  
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**8:15am**

Greeter: Joann Whorwell, Adam & Esther Heike  
Altar Guild: Donna Coomes, Jena Mackay  
Usher: Joel Zagel, Charles Crane  
Elder: Don Hahn

**10:45am**

Greeter: Adam & Esther Heike  
Altar Guild: Margaret Halvorsen, Donna Konradi  
Usher: OPEN  
Elder: Jon Bergman

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# THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

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## Prelude & Ringing of Bells

*Stand*

### Processional Hymn

- 1 Prepare the royal highway;  
The King of kings is near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley  
A level road appear!  
Then greet the King of Glory  
Foretold in sacred story: *Refrain*
- ref Hosanna to the Lord,  
For He fulfills God's Word!*
- 2 God's people, see Him coming:  
Your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before Him!  
Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God's promise will not fail you!  
No more shall doubt assail you! *Refrain*

### Prepare the Royal Highway

**LSB 343**

- 3 Then fling the gates wide open  
To greet your promised king!  
Your king, yet ev'ry nation  
Its tribute too should bring.  
All lands, bow down before Him!  
All nations, now adore Him! *Refrain*
- 4 His is no earthly kingdom;  
It comes from heav'n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom  
And justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding  
For kindness so abounding: *Refrain*

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## Invocation, Confession and Absolution

**LSB 184**

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

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*[Hebrews 10:22]*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 124:8*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Psalm 32:5*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto 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.

**Service of the Word****Introit****Psalm 25:4–5, 21–22; antiphon: vv. 1–3a**

- A** To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.  
O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.
- C** **Let not my enemies exult over me.**  
**Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame.**
- A** Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.
- C** **Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;**  
**for you I wait all the day long.**
- A** May integrity and uprightness pre-serve me,  
for I wait for you.
- C** **Redeem Israel, O God,**  
**out of all his troubles.**
- C** **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.**

**Kyrie****LSB 186**

- C** **Lord, have mercy upon us.**  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

*Mark 10:47***Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And with thy spirit.**
- 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.**

*Sit***Old Testament Reading****Jeremiah 23:5–8**

<sup>5</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’

<sup>7</sup>“Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ <sup>8</sup>but ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ Then they shall dwell in their own land.”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem: *The Advent of Our God***  
**arr. Richard Shephard, St. James Music Press, 2019**

*The Advent of our God shall be our theme for prayer.  
Come let us meet him on the road, and place for him prepare.*

*The everlasting Son, Incarnate deigns to be,  
A servant's form puts on to set his servants free.*

*O Zion's daughter rise to meet your heavenly king,  
Nor let a faithless heart despise the peace he comes to bring.*

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

**Epistle**

***Romans 13:11–14***

<sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

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

*Stand*

**Alleluia & Verse**

***Psalm 85:7***

**C** **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**A** Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

**C** **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Holy Gospel**

***Matthew 21:1–9***

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, <sup>2</sup>saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” <sup>4</sup>This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

<sup>5</sup>“Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

<sup>6</sup>The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. <sup>7</sup>They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. <sup>8</sup>Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. <sup>9</sup>And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

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

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

**Nicene Creed**

***LSB 191***

**C** **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 at 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 worshiped 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  $\dagger$  of the  
 world to come. Amen.

Sit

## Hymn of the Day

## Savior of the Nations, Come

LSB 332

- 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all  
 From His pure and kingly hall;  
 God of God, yet fully man,  
 His heroic course began.

- 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.
- $\triangle$  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

Stand

### Offertory & Offering

- C** 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.

LSB 192

Psalm 51:10-12

### Prayer of the Church

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 194

2 Timothy 4:22

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.  
**P** Lift up your hearts.  
**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.  
**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.  
**C** It is meet and right so to do.

[Colossians 3:1]

[Psalm 136]

**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** *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**LSB 195**

**C** **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** *Matthew 6:9-13*

**P** 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.

**C** **For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Words of Our Lord** *Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25*

**LSB 197**

**P** 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  $\text{†}$  body, which is 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  $\text{†}$  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**

**LSB 197**

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

*John 20:19*

**C** **Amen.**

**Agnus Dei**

**LSB 198**

**C** **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.**

*Sit*

**Distribution Hymn**

**O Lord, How Shall I Meet You**

**LSB 334**

1 O Lord, how shall I meet You,  
How welcome You aright?  
Your people long to greet You,  
My hope, my heart's delight!  
O kindle, Lord most holy,  
Your lamp within my breast  
To do in spirit lowly  
All that may please You best.

2 Your Zion strews before You  
Green boughs and fairest palms;  
And I too will adore You  
With joyous songs and psalms.  
My heart shall bloom forever  
For You with praises new  
And from Your name shall never  
Withhold the honor due.

3 I lay in fetters, groaning;  
You came to set me free.  
I stood, my shame bemoaning;  
You came to honor me.  
A glorious crown You give me,  
A treasure safe on high  
That will not fail or leave me  
As earthly riches fly.

4 Love caused Your incarnation;  
Love brought You down to me.  
Your thirst for my salvation  
Procured my liberty.  
Oh, love beyond all telling,  
That led You to embrace  
In love, all love excelling,  
Our lost and fallen 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.

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## Distribution Hymn

## The Night Will Soon Be Ending

**LSB 337**

1 The night will soon be ending;  
 The dawn cannot be far.  
 Let songs of praise ascending  
 Now greet the Morning Star!  
 All you whom darkness frightens  
 With guilt or grief or pain,  
 God's radiant Star now brightens  
 And bids you sing again.

2 The One whom angels tended  
 Comes near, a child, to serve;  
 Thus God, the judge offended,  
 Bears all our sins deserve.  
 The guilty need not cower,  
 For God has reconciled  
 Through His redemptive power  
 All those who trust this child.

3 The earth in sure rotation  
 Will soon bring morning bright,  
 So run where God's salvation  
 Glows in a stable's light.  
 As old as sin's perversion  
 Is mercy's vast design:  
 God brings a new creation—  
 This child its seal and sign.

4 Yet nights will bring their sadness  
 And rob our hearts of peace,  
 And sin in all its madness  
 Around us may increase.  
 But now one Star is beaming  
 Whose rays have pierced the night:  
 God comes for our redeeming  
 From sin's oppressive might.

5 God dwells with us in darkness  
 And makes the night as day;  
 Yet we resist the brightness  
 And turn from God away.  
 But grace does not forsake us,  
 However far we run.  
 God claims us still as children  
 Through Mary's infant Son.

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## Distribution Hymn

## Creator of the Stars of Night

**LSB 351**

1 Creator of the stars of night,  
 Thy people's everlasting Light:  
 O Christ, Redeemer, save us all  
 And hear Thy servants when they call.

2 Thou, grieving that the ancient curse  
 Should doom to death a universe,  
 Hast found the healing, full of grace,  
 To cure and save our ruined race.

3 Thou cam'st the Bridegroom of the bride,  
 As drew the world to eventide,  
 The spotless Victim all divine  
 Proceeding from a virgin shrine.

4 At whose dread name, majestic now,  
 All knees must bend, all hearts must bow;  
 All things celestial Thee shall own,  
 And things terrestrial, Lord alone.

5 O Thou, whose coming is with dread  
 To judge the living and the dead,  
 Preserve us from the ancient foe  
 While still we dwell on earth below.

△ 6 To God the Father and the Son  
 And Holy Spirit, Three in One,  
 Praise, honor, might, and glory be  
 From age to age eternally. Amen.

Text: Latin, c. 5th-10th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt. Text: Public domain

*Stand*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace and with great joy, your sins are forgiven.

**C** 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.

**Thanksgiving**

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

*Psalm 107:1*

**Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**C** And with thy spirit.

**Benedicamus & Benediction**

**A** Bless we the Lord.

*[Psalm 103:1]*

**C** Thanks be to God.

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

*Numbers 6:24-26*

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** Amen, amen, amen.

**Recessional Hymn**

***Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates***

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.

2 A righteous Helper comes to thee;  
 His chariot is humility,  
 His kingly crown is holiness,  
 His scepter, pity in distress.  
 The end of all our woe He brings;  
 Therefore the earth is glad and sings.  
 To Christ the Savior raise  
 Your grateful hymns 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.

4 Fling wide the portals of your heart;  
 Make it a temple set apart  
 From earthly use for heav'n's employ,  
 Adorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 So shall your Sov'reign enter in  
 And new and nobler life begin.  
 To God alone be praise  
 For word and deed and grace!

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.

Text: Georg Weissel, 1590–1635; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt. Text: Public domain

**Postlude**

# The Congregation at Prayer

A Guide for Daily Meditation & Prayer  
 First Sunday in Advent – December 1, 2024

**Catechism: Lord’s Prayer— Second and Third Petitions**

**Verse of the week: John 10:27-28** “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.”

**Daily Prayer LSB pp 294-298** Pray and confess out loud **Daily Prayer – For Individuals and Families** as you are able, or as your family size and ages dictate. Use the one appropriate for the time of day your devotion takes place. Include the Apostles Creed before The Lord’s Prayer if the setting you regularly use does not include it so as to confess it daily. Learn by heart the catechism, and hymn of the week.

	<b>Bible Narrative</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>
<b>SUN</b>	<b>The Triumphal Entry—Matthew 21:1-9</b>	
<b>MON</b>	The Pharisee and the Tax Collector—Luke 18:9-14	Mark 11:12-26
<b>TUE</b>	Jesus Teaches Us to Pray in the Sermon on the Mount—Mt. 6:5-15	1 Thess. 5:12-28
<b>WED</b>	John’s Birth Announced to Zacharias—Luke 1:1-25	Daniel 9:20-27
<b>THU</b>	Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer—John 17:1-26	Hebrews 4:11-16
<b>FRI</b>	Jesus Prays in the Garden of Gethsemane—Matthew 26:36-45	Philippians 1:3-11
<b>SAT</b>	Sunday’s OT and Epistle—Malachi 4:1-6	Romans 15:4-13
<b>Lectionary Readings</b>		<b>Jer. 23:5-8; Ps. 24; Romans 13:8-14; Matt. 21:1-9</b>

**Psalm 24; antiphon: v. 7** – Merciful Lord, I confess all my sins to You, trusting in Your promises. Forgive me for Jesus’ sake. Amen

**Hymn of the Week: LSB 332 – “Savior of the Nations, Come”**

The tune can be found on the web. Search **“NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND”**

<b>Daily Psalms</b>	<b>SUN</b>	<b>MON</b>	<b>TUE</b>	<b>WED</b>	<b>THU</b>	<b>FRI</b>	<b>SAT</b>
Morning	42, 43	45	48, 49	51	54, 56	59	60, 61
Evening	44	46, 47	50	52, 53	55	57, 58	62

**Weekly Collect** – 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.

**Daily Themes for Prayer**

**Sun:** Pray for the joy of the resurrection among us; for true and godly worship throughout the world; and for the faithful preaching and hearing of God’s Word.

**Mon:** Pray for faith to live in the promises of Holy Baptism; for your calling and daily work; for the unemployed; for the salvation and well-being of our neighbors; for government; and for peace.

**Tue:** Pray for deliverance against temptation; for the addicted and the despairing; for the tortured and oppressed; and for those struggling with besetting sins.

**Wed:** Pray for marriage and family, that all may live together under the grace of Christ according to the Word of God; for parents who must rear their children alone; and for godly school, our church schools, and seminaries.

**Thu:** Pray for the Church and her pastors; for missionaries; and for fruitful and salutary use of the blessed sacrament of the Lord’s body and blood.

**Fri:** Pray for the preaching of the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ and for its spread throughout the whole world, especially in our community; and for the persecuted.

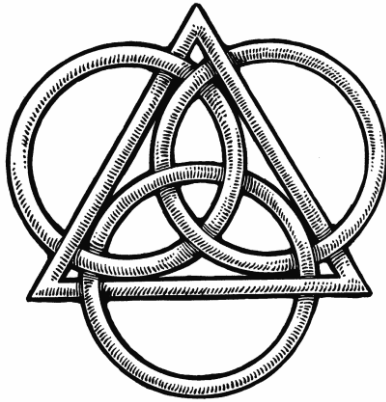
**Sat:** Pray for faithfulness to the end; for the sick and dying; for the revival for those who are withering in the faith or have fallen away; and for receptive hearts for worship and study on the Lord’s Day.

**Specific prayer requests can be found in the Advent Announcements that are emailed weekly. Please contact the church office to be added to the Prayer List or to receive the email.**

# NEXT WEEK

## Second Sunday in Advent

December 8, 2024



### SUNDAY

8:15am Divine Service  
9:45am Bible Study  
10:45am Divine Service

### Hymns:

353, 336, 333 – 355 – 659,  
834

### Texts:

Mal. 4:1-6; Psalm 50:1-15;  
Romans 15:4-13;  
Luke 21:25-36

# CALENDAR

## TODAY

8:15am Divine Service  
9:30am Coffee & Donuts (Fellowship Hall)  
9:35am Sunday School Opening  
9:45-10:30am

- Bible Study – Fellowship Hall
- Sunday School in Classrooms

10:45am Divine Service  
4:00pm Advent at Advent Harp Concert

## UPCOMING

- Wednesdays in Advent 12/4, 12/11, 12/18
  - 6:00pm Supper in Fellowship Hall
  - 7:00pm Advent Vespers
  - 7:45-8:30am Catechism & Bible Study
- 12/7 Women's Advent Tea 4pm
- 12/19 Abendmusik Concert 7:00pm
- 12/22 Children's Christmas Program 9:45am
- 12/24 Christmas Eve
  - 5pm & 7pm Candles & Carols
  - 11pm Divine Service
- 12/25 Christmas Day Divine Service 10am

## Phase III Building Expansion

<sup>16</sup>But Jesus called them to him, saying,  
“**Let the children come** to me, and do not hinder them,  
for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”

-Luke 18:16



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