

# FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

## NOVEMBER 30, 2025



### BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.
- P** Beloved in the Lord, as we begin the season of Advent, let this wreath remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and to lead us into the light of His glorious kingdom. As the prophet Isaiah says, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.”
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, the true light who comes into the world to enlighten all people, bless us as we light the candles of this wreath in preparation for Your coming, and enkindle in our hearts the fire of Your love that we may receive You with joy and gladness and evermore remain steadfast in the faith; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** The Lord Almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this wreath for use in His Church throughout this holy season of Advent.

**C** Amen.

### 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.
  
- 3     O Zion's daughter, rise  
        To meet your lowly King,  
Nor let your faithless heart despise  
        The peace He comes to bring.
  
- 4     As judge, on clouds of light,  
        He soon will come again  
And His true members all unite  
        With Him in heav'n to reign.

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.

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## SERVICE OF THE WORD

### *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.

*OLD TESTAMENT READING*

Isaiah 2:1–5

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 2.

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days  
that the mountain of the house of the LORD  
shall be established as the highest of the  
mountains,

and shall be lifted up above the hills;  
and all the nations shall flow to it,

<sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say:  
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go the law,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;  
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*EPISTLE*

Romans 13:8–14

**A** The Epistle is from Romans, chapter 13.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not

covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

<sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

<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*

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**C** Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

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

<sup>36</sup>Jesus said: “But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup>As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup>Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be



broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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

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

### *APOSTLES' CREED*

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to judge the  
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.**

## *SERMON*

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

## *OFFERTORY*

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**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.**

## *PRAYER OF THE CHURCH*

**P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For the peace from above, that our Lord's advent might kindle in us a love for His name, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** That the church would be preserved against all her enemies; and that we, as God's people, would walk in His ways and one day welcome with glad hosannas Jesus in His glory, let us pray to the Lord:

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For Christian homes, that God would defend the single, husbands and wives, and all children from the temptation to walk in the works of darkness, clothing them instead with the armor of light, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For our president, governor and all in temporal authority, that godly wisdom would guide policy and lead nations into the way of peace, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For those in great need, those afflicted with physical and mental ills, those whose hearts are touched by grief, and those in their last days on earth, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For unity amongst God's people, that we may confess with one voice the truth of the Word and live together in love and anticipation for that day when Christ shall return in triumph and we will enter with all the saints into the marriage feast of the Lamb without end; and that we would here

discern the body and blood of Christ in this holy meal, let us pray to the Lord:

**C Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank, bless and praise You forever that You have sent Your Son to reign over us poor sinners, who for our trespasses deserve rightly to remain in bondage to sin and Satan. You have given us a righteous and humble King who, through His death, has saved us from sin and eternal death. We implore You, enlighten, govern and direct us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may remain faithful to this righteous King and Savior and not be offended by His humble appearance or despised Word, but believe in Him and obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

*PREFACE*

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**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.

**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

**☐ 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*

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**☐** 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*

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**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 ✠ 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 ✠ 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.

**C** Amen.



**☐ 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.**

*332 SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME*

- 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.

△ 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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### 333 *ONCE HE CAME IN BLESSING*

1     Once He came in blessing,  
          All our sins redressing;  
          Came in likeness lowly,  
          Son of God most holy;  
          Bore the cross to save us;  
          Hope and freedom gave us.

2     Now He gently leads us;  
          With Himself He feeds us  
          Precious food from heaven,  
          Pledge of peace here given,  
          Manna that will nourish  
          Souls that they may flourish.

3    Soon will come that hour  
When with mighty power  
     Christ will come in splendor  
     And will judgment render,  
With the faithful sharing  
Joy beyond comparing.

4    Come, then, O Lord Jesus,  
From our sins release us.  
     Keep our hearts believing,  
     That we, grace receiving,  
Ever may confess You  
Till in heav'n we bless You.

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*NUNC DIMITTIS*

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**☐ 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.

*BENEDICTION*

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

*349 HARK THE GLAD SOUND*

- 1 Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,  
The Savior promised long;

Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne  
And ev'ry voice a song.

2 He comes the pris'ners to release,  
In Satan's bondage held.  
The gates of brass before Him burst,  
The iron fetters yield.

3 He comes the broken heart to bind,  
The bleeding soul to cure,  
And with the treasures of His grace  
To\_enrich the humble poor.

4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,  
Thy welcome shall proclaim,  
And heav'n's eternal arches ring  
With Thy belovèd name.

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