

[We rise] **The Offertory: “Create in Me”** p. 192

[We are seated]

The offering is received

God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!

[We rise] **The Prayer of the Church**
The Our Father (inside back cover)
“God Bless Our Native Land” #965

The Service of the Sacrament p. 194
[Please review our Communion Policy, page 1 of this Guide]

[We are seated]

Hymn “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You” #334

[We rise] **“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”** #805

The Nunc Dimittis, p. 199
Thanksgiving, Salutation, *Benedicamus*, Benediction
[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Final Hymn]

Final Hymn “Savior of the Nations, Come” #332

AD TE LEVAVI —THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

The new church year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. “Behold, your King is coming to you, lowly, and sitting on a donkey.” 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, our Righteousness” (Jer 23.5–8). 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!” (Mt 21.1–9) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for “Our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed” (Rom 13.11–14)

Lessons for Next Sunday:

The 2nd Sunday of Advent

Old Testament of the Day: Malachi 4.1-6
Psalm of the Week: Psalm 50
Epistle of the Day: Romans 15.4-13
Holy Gospel of the Day: Luke 21.25-36

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A Guide to The Divine Service

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Ad Te Levavi animam meam, Domine

Unto Thee have I lifted up my soul, O Lord

[The 1st Sunday of Advent]

“Entrance Into Jerusalem Sunday”

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NOTE ON PARTICIPATING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout history, "closed communion" is observed here, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those who:

- are baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scriptures as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith and practice, and now embrace this same Lutheran faith in the same way that it is believed, taught, confessed, and practiced in this congregation;
- believe that in this Sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- repent of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services who are able to affirm these facts should speak to our pastor or the elder on duty before receiving the Sacrament. To other guests with us today, we express to you our sincere interest, friendship, and concern, and we assure you that it is for the spiritual welfare of all that we practice "closed communion," even as we continue to work toward the day in which all divisions over doctrine and practice within Christ's Church will be resolved. Those desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with one of our pastors.

[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p.185

Entrance Hymn "The Advent of Our King" #331



The Service of the Word begins with the Introit

Unto Thee, O Lord, do I / lift up my / soul: * O my / God, I / trust in / Thee; Let me / not be a- / shamed; * Let not mine enemies triumph / over / me. (Psalm 25.1)

Show / me Thy / ways; * O / Lord, teach / me Thy / paths.

Lead me in Thy / truth, and / teach me: * for Thou art the God of my salvation; on Thee do I / wait all / the day.

Remember, O Lord, Thy tender mercies, and Thy / loving- / kindnesses, * for they / have been / ever of / old. Remember not the sins of my youth, nor / my trans- / gressions; * according to Thy tender mercy remember Thou me, for Thy / goodness' / sake, O / Lord!

Good and upright / is the / Lord: * therefore will He teach / sinners / in the / way. All the paths of the Lord are / mercy and / truth: * unto such as keep His / cove- nant / and His / testimonies.

Unto Thee, O Lord, do I / lift up my / soul: * O my / God, I / trust in / Thee; Let me / not be a- / shamed; * Let not mine enemies / triumph / over / me. (Ps. 25.4-8, 10)

The Gloria Patri, The Kyrie p. 186

The Gloria in Excelsis *omitted during Advent*
Salutation, Collects p. 189

The Collect for the First Sunday of Advent: Stir up, we beseech Thee, Thy power, O Lord, and come, that by Thy protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Thy mighty deliverance; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen!**

The Collect for the Beginning of the Church Year: Almighty Lord God, who hast by Thy grace this day permitted us to enter a new Church Year, we beseech Thee, grant unto Thy Church Thy Holy Spirit and the wisdom which cometh down from above, that Thy Word, as becometh it, may not be bound, but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve Thee, and in the confession of Thy name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen!**

The Collect for the Season of Advent: Almighty God, heavenly Father, bestow on us Thy grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility, that in the Last Day when He will come again in His glorious Majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may then rise to the life immortal; through Him who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen!**

[We are seated]

Old Testament of the Day Jeremiah 23.5-8

[The Lord is Our Righteousness]

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

The Responsorial Psalm (Ps. 24.1-2, 7-10)

Antiphon: The earth is the Lord's and the / fullness there- / of: * The world, and they that / dwell there- / in. **For He hath founded it up- / on the / seas, * and established / it up- / on the / floods.**

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be lifted up ye ever- / lasting / doors: * and the King of / glory / shall come / in.

Who is this / King of / glory? * The Lord strong and mighty, the / Lord- / mighty in / battle.

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye ever- / lasting / doors; * and the King of / glory / shall come / in. **Who is this / King of / glory? * The Lord of Hosts, He / is the / King of / glory!**

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. A- / men!**

The earth is the Lord's and the / fullness there- / of: * The world, and they that / dwell there- / in. **For He hath founded it up- / on the / seas, * and established / it up- / on the / floods.**

Epistle of the Day Romans 13.11-14

[Salvation is Nearer to Us Now]

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**
[We rise]

The Holy Gospel of the Day

The Gradual of the Day and Nine-Fold Alleluias

Mercy and truth are / met to- / gether. *

Righteousness shall look down from heaven: / Alle- / lu - / ia!
Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good: Alleluia! / Alle- / luia! *
And our land shall yield her increase. / Alle- / lu - / ia!

The Triple Alleluia p.190

The Holy Gospel

Announcement of the Holy Gospel

Holy Gospel of the Day Matthew 21.1-9
[Blessed is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord]

Responses to the Holy Gospel p. 190-191

The Nicene Creed p. 191

[We are seated]

Chief Hymn "O Bride of Christ, Rejoice" #335

Sermon