

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

First Reading: *Jeremiah 23:5–8*

“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. 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.’ “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,’ 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.”

Epistle: *Romans 13: 8–14*

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. 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.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. 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. 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. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Holy Gospel: *Matthew 21:1-9*

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 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. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying,

“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.’”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 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!”

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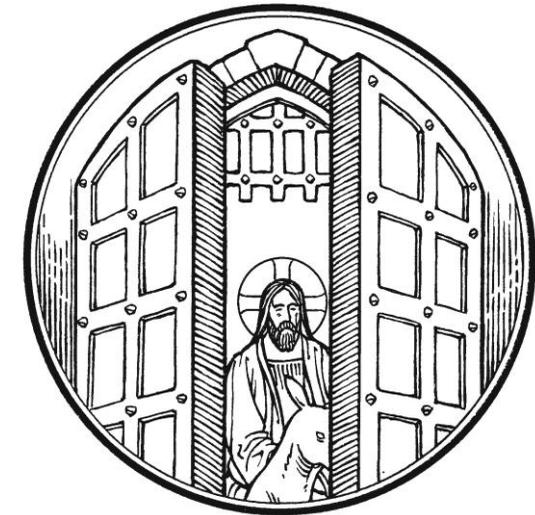
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✠ The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us ✠

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).

First Sunday in Advent

November 28, Year of Our ✠ Lord 2021

COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENT: Communion is offered today for those who: (1) repent of their sins, (2) believe in Jesus as their Savior, (3) believe that with the bread and the wine Christ gives us His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, and (4) desire to amend their sinful ways with the help of the Holy Spirit. We also believe that Holy Communion is a fellowship meal with those of the same confession of faith: therefore, we ask that those **NOT** of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, the American Association of Lutheran Churches, or Lutheran Church Canada **please speak with the Pastor before communing.**

Introit *(Sing to the Tune of C)*

☞ 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.

Make me to know your ways, | O Lord;

teach me | your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of

my sal- | vation;

for you I wait all the | day long.

May integrity and uprightness pre- | serve me,

for I | wait for you.

Redeem Israel, | O God,

out of all his | troubles.

(Sing Gloria Patri p.186)

Prayers of the Church

☞ To You, O Lord, we lift up our souls and in You we put our trust. Do not let us be ashamed of our hope, but come quickly. Sustain us by Your Holy Spirit, that we may have joy at the advent of Christ, our Savior. Lord, in Your mercy,

☞ Hear our prayer.

☞ Be with Your whole Church, Lord, that as we wait for the coming of Christ, our King, our hearts may be filled with His joy and our lips with His praise. Lord, in Your mercy,

☞ Hear our prayer.

☞ Look favorably on our parish and especially our catechumens, that we may live sober lives, casting off the deeds of darkness as we wait for the revealing of our Savior from heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

☞ Hear our prayer.

☞ Show compassion to the sick, the suffering and those in need, *especially....* Give relief to their pain, increase their faith, and grant healing and peace in accordance with Your wisdom and will. Lord, in Your mercy,

☞ Hear our prayer.

☞ Holy God, You declared that the days were coming when You would accomplish our salvation, and in Your time You caused Your Son, the righteous Branch, to spring up for David. By Your grace, keep us joined as branches to Christ, that we might bear fruit until the day He returns in glory; for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☞ Amen

Divine Service

Setting Three



Preparation

Pastor's Welcome

Announcements

(Please fill out Attendance Book)

Hymn of Invocation #341

Invocation/Absolution p.184

Word

Introit *Bulletin*

Kyrie/Gloria in Excelsis p.186

Collect of the Day

Old Testament *Reverse*

Epistle *Reverse*

Alleluia P. 190

Holy Gospel *Reverse*

Nicene Creed p.191

Lessons for Lambs #588 (v 1)

Hymn of the Day #332

Sermon

Offertory p. 192

Offering *(In back of the Sanctuary)*

Prayers *Bulletin*

Sacrament

Communion Announcement

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Distribution #618, #625,

#642, #632, #627

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Benediction

Departing Hymn #331