

Ad Te Levavi

The First Sunday in Advent

The Sunday of the Great Entrance

November 28, 2021



*“Behold, I stand at the door and knock.
If anyone hears My voice and opens the door,
I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with Me.”*

The Divine Service

†-- congregation stands

Our Belief and Practice Concerning the Lord's Supper

Advent means "coming." Christ came in the flesh at Bethlehem, He comes now in Word and Sacrament, and He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. As we look forward to His final coming, we find our deepest joy and comfort in His present coming with His very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Because we care about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table, guests desiring to commune today are asked to speak with one of the pastors before the service.

The Preparation

Organ Prelude

† Hymn 340 *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

† Confession and Absolution p. 184–185 RIGHT-HAND COLUMN

Consider your place in life according to the Ten Commandments. Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy? Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome? Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds? Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

The Service of the Word

† Introit

Psalm 25; antiphon: Psalm 25



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;***

Epistle

Romans 13:11–14

Brethren: 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.

† Alleluia Verse *p. 190*

Psalm 85

The congregation sings the SECOND threefold “Alleluia” before and after the Pastor sings the verse.

Show us Your steadfast love, | O LORD,*
and grant us Your sal- | vation.

† Holy Gospel *SPOKEN responses p. 190–191*

St. Matthew 21:1–9

✠ *At that time*, 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, 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!”

† Nicene Creed *p. 191 / inside back cover of hymnal*

Hymn of the Day 332 *Savior of the Nations, Come*

Sermon

Offering/Organ Voluntary *Please note your attendance on the Record of Fellowship pad*

† Offertory Hymn 956

† Announcements & Prayer of the Church

After each petition: ...let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

At the conclusion: ...one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Service of the Sacrament of the Altar

The Liturgy of the Holy Communion follows on p. 194 ff. The Sanctus is sung to the setting below:



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
Sab - a - oth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Guests who have not previously received Holy Communion at Mount Calvary are kindly asked to speak with one of the pastors before approaching the altar for the first time.

Communicants may receive the Body of Christ either in the hand or directly in the mouth. Those who receive the Blood of Christ from the chalice are encouraged to take the bottom of the chalice with a hand to help guide it to their mouths.

Communicants are invited to pray the following before receiving the Sacrament:

O Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof;
but speak only Your Word, and my soul will be healed.

What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
I will take the Cup of Salvation and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Distribution Hymns

- 621 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*
343 *Prepare the Royal Highway*
350 *Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come*

† Dismissal

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul unto life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

Amen.

† Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now let - test Thou Thy ser - vant de - part in peace

ac - cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have

seen Thy sal - va - tion, which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the

face of all peo - ple, a light to light - en the

Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now and

ev - er shall be, world with - out end, A - men.

The remainder of the service is SPOKEN, beginning at the bottom of p. 200

† Hymn 335 O Bride of Christ, Rejoice

The Ceremonies of Advent: The Omission of the Gloria in Excelsis

The *Gloria in Excelsis* is one of the ordinaries of the Divine Service, meaning that it is normally present every Sunday (the others are the *Kyrie*, *Creed*, *Sanctus*, *Agnus Dei*, and *Nunc Dimittis*). In the Liturgy this hymn announces the presence of Christ with His people through His Holy Word and Sacraments, and gives voice to our confession of God's presence and grace. During the penitential seasons of Lent and Advent, however, the *Gloria in Excelsis* is not sung. The *Gloria in Excelsis* begins with the words of the angelic song that announced the birth of Christ to the shepherds in the fields of Bethlehem. The *Gloria in Excelsis*, then, is really the first Christmas hymn. As such, during the season of Advent, a season of preparation for Christ's coming, we refrain from singing it in Church in anticipation of singing it with new joy and vigor at the great Christmas Feast as we again rejoice with the shepherds and all who seek Jesus at His incarnation and birth among us.

This Week's Calendar

Today (11/28) THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 am

Divine Service 10:00 am

No Catechism class

Tues (11/30) Church Council 6:00 pm

Wed (12/1) Matins 10:00 am

Light Supper 5:30 pm

Advent Midweek Service 6:30 pm

Sat (12/4) Christmas Program rehearsal 9:00–10:30 am

Next Sunday (12/5) THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sunday School & Bible Class 8:45 am

Divine Service 10:00 am

Catechism class 3:30 pm

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TODAY'S NOTICES

Pastor Gerike will be available in the social hall after the Divine Service today to receive guidance and counsel from the members of Mount Calvary as he continues to deliberate his calls. Please keep him, his family, our congregation, and St. Paul's in your prayers.

Poinsettia orders will be accepted through December 12. Please complete the slip of paper to order and place in the offering plate or return to the church office.

Help is needed for fetching and setting up the Christmas tree. The crew will meet at 9:30 am on Thursday, December 9 to cut and bring the tree to church. The tree will be ready to set up in the church about 10:30. If you have any questions, please see Rich Ogden.

The Women's Guild will hold their annual luncheon December 10 at noon. All are invited. The Guild is also doing a special collection for a transitional living home for young women and mothers. Between now and Dec 10, please bring new packages of diapers or gently used baby clothes. We will set up a collection box in the narthex.

On Friday, December 10 from 7:00 – 8:00 pm, one of our organists, Annika Johansen, an organ performance major at UNO, will be giving a Christmas recital on our organ at Mt. Calvary. There is no cost to attend, and refreshments will be served afterward. The theme of the recital is "A Christmas Contemplation."

Prayer Requests: *Our homebound members*: Pat Helmke, Ken & Joanne Jones, Betty Popek, Jonas Sarka, Jean Schwalm, Raymond Stevens, Louise Sullivan; *Our missionaries*: Rev. Daniel, Kathy, & Ana Conrad; *All others in need*: Paul Luedeman, Cliff Doll, Dick Chappell, Paula Bruckner, Jeff Wollberg, Char Stokey, Joe Kresnik, Doug Fusselman, Dave Bandi, Hazel Harpster, Ruta Baesler, Richard Baesler, Isabelle Nigro, Cindy Huntley, LaDonna Clary

ADVENT SERIES

Advent prepares us as much for the coming of our Lord in glory as it does for Holy Christmas. On the first two Sundays in Advent, and the four Advent midweek services, the sermons will focus on the biblical teaching of the Last Things and their importance for us as Christians.

If you have a question related to the Last Things that you would like answered in these sermons, email Pastor Gerike, or slip a note in the black mailbox in the hallway outside the church office door. If you have a question, someone else has likely wondered the same thing and will be happy someone asked!

The topics and the dates on which they will be treated are listed below so that you can send in your question(s):

Sunday, Nov. 28—The First Sunday in Advent

We Don't Wait Alone

Wednesday, Dec. 1—Advent Midweek Service

The Signs of the End

Sunday, Dec. 5—The Second Sunday in Advent

Christ's Return in Glory & The End of the World

Wednesday, Dec. 8—Advent Midweek Service

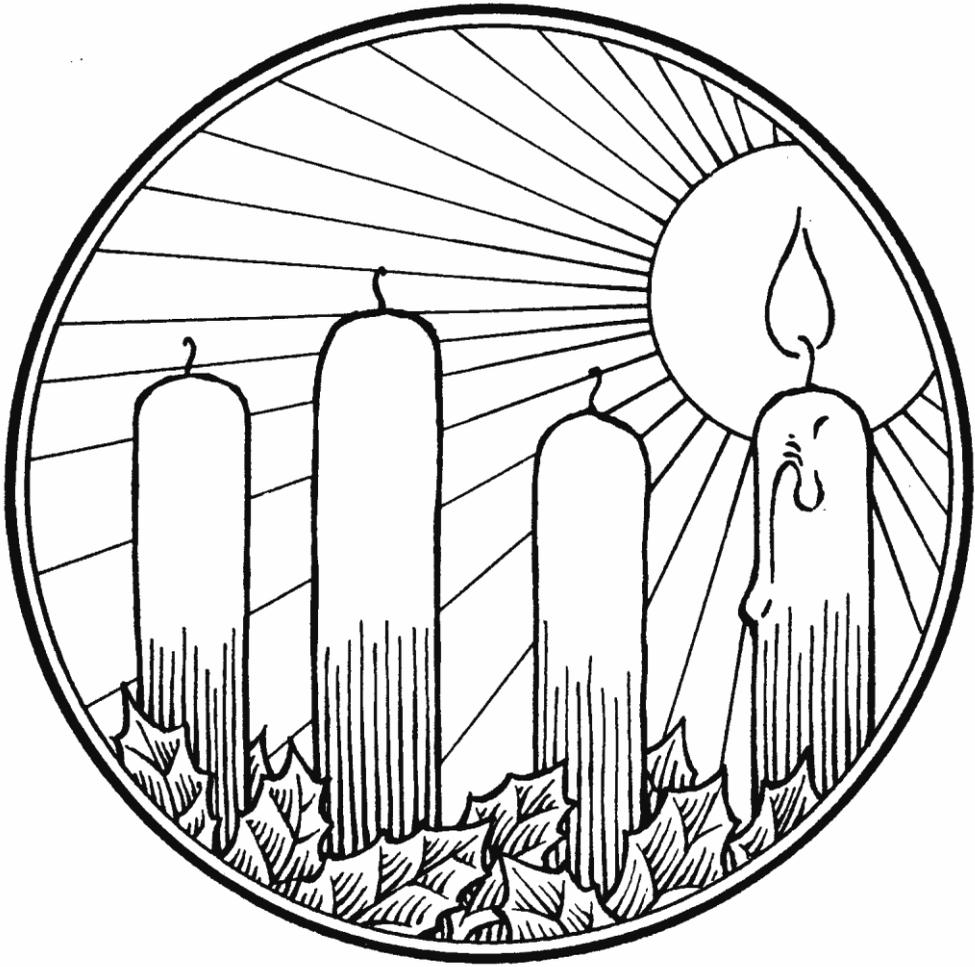
The Resurrection of All the Dead

Wednesday, Dec. 15—Advent Midweek Service

The Final Judgment

Wednesday, Dec. 22—Advent Midweek Service

Eternity: Life in the New Heavens and Earth or Death in Hell



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Our Service Schedule:

The Divine Service with Holy Communion is offered every Sunday and on holy days as announced. Matins is prayed on Wednesdays at 10:00 am. Vespers is prayed in Advent & Lent on Wednesdays at 6:30pm

Receiving Communion at Mt. Calvary: We care about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to one of the pastors before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or of a sister congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and are not under church discipline in another congregation.

Adult Christian Education is taught every Sunday morning at 8:45 in the church basement.

Sunday School for children ages 3-12 is year-round. Lessons are Bible-story based and activities are designed to reinforce the biblical lesson.

Pastoral Consultation based on the Holy Scriptures is available from the pastors by appointment

The Sick and Homebound are visited regularly by the pastors Please contact the Church Office if you know of any parishioner in need of pastoral visitation.

Organist – Annika Johanson	Elder – Art Huntley	Acolyte – Lucille Marunda
Trustee – Garry Gernandt	Altar Care – n/a	
Counters – Ken Goesch, Rich Marunda, Don Schwalm		
Ushers – Roger Koch, Josh Bohnert, Jeff Richter, Bob Vondrasek		