# The First Sunday in Advent

November 29, 2026

*Divine Service, Setting Four*

Word of Welcome

Prelude

Hymn #331: The Advent of Our King

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

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

Exhortation

P: Our help is in the name of the LORD,
C: **who made heaven and earth.**
P: If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

*A moment of silent reflection*

Absolution *[John 20:19-23]*

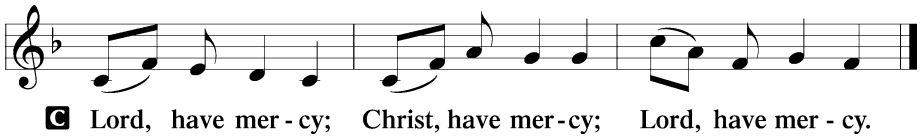
P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

Introit *Psalm 25:4-5, 21-22; antiphon: vv. 1-3a*

P: To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
C: **O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame.**
P: Let not my enemies exult over me.
C: **Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame.**
P: Make me to know Your ways, O LORD;
C: **teach me Your paths.**
P: Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation;
C: **for You I wait all the day long.**
P: May integrity and uprightness preserve me,
C: **for I wait for You.**
P: Redeem Israel, O God,
C: **out of all his troubles.**
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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Kyrie *Mark 10:47*




Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**
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: Jeremiah 23:5-8 (ESV)

"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."

P: This is the Word of the LORD. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14 (ESV)

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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:1-9 (ESV)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.
C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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!"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

Hymn #516: Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Sermon *10:45—Children ages 4-12 are invited to the Fellowship Hall for an age-appropriate message*

Offertory (sung) *Psalm 51:10-12*

***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.***

Offering from God's People

Stewardship Prayer

**Lord Jesus Christ, everything we have and are truly belongs to You. Our talents, our treasures, and the time to use them, are resources You have given us to do Your work until You return. Grant that we may be faithful managers of all that You have entrusted to us, that Your name may be glorified among us and that we may receive You with joy on the day when You come again in glory. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy, C: **hear our prayer.**

Preface *2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136*

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**
P: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them to the Lord.**
P: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God. C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**
P: It is truly good, right, and salutary. . .
. . . we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (sung) *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**Holy, holy, holy LORD God of Sabaoth adored;**
**Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.**
**Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;**
**Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

The Words of Institution

Pax Domini *John 20:19*

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

Agnus Dei (sung) *John 1:29*

1. **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,**
**You take the sin of the world away;**
**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,**
**Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

2. **O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,**
**You take the sin of the world away;**
**Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,**
**And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

Distribution Hymns

1. #620: Jesus Comes Today with Healing
2. #350: Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come
3. #697: Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death
4. #632: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee

Nunc Dimittis *(stand to sing)* *Luke 2:29-32*

**O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,**
**For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:**
**A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,**
**The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,**
**All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;**
**For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,**
**God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

Dismissal & Post-Communion Prayer

Benedicamus *Psalm 103:1*

P: Let us bless the LORD.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
C: **Amen.**

Hymn #343: Prepare the Royal Highway

Postlude

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