ADVENT

The word "Advent" is a Latin word that means "coming." This time of year focuses on the three advents of Jesus the Messiah: His advent as a little baby born in a stable in Bethlehem; His advent as the risen Lord and Savior through His Word and Sacraments; and His advent as the victorious King on the Day of Judgment to take His people home to heaven. Especially the second half of Psalm 24 points to the majestic advent of the King of glory. The cry goes forth: *"Lift up your heads, O you gates!"* These are the gates of the heavenly Jerusalem, the gates of the true Church of all believers in Christ. Jesus our King promises to enter these great gates and distribute His gifts whenever His children gather around His Word and Sacraments. Through these means, God enters the gates and doorways of our hearts to bring us to repentance, to forgive and comfort us, and to strengthen and encourage us in the one true faith. Thus the words of the Psalm are true for each believer: *"He shall receive blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of His salvation."*

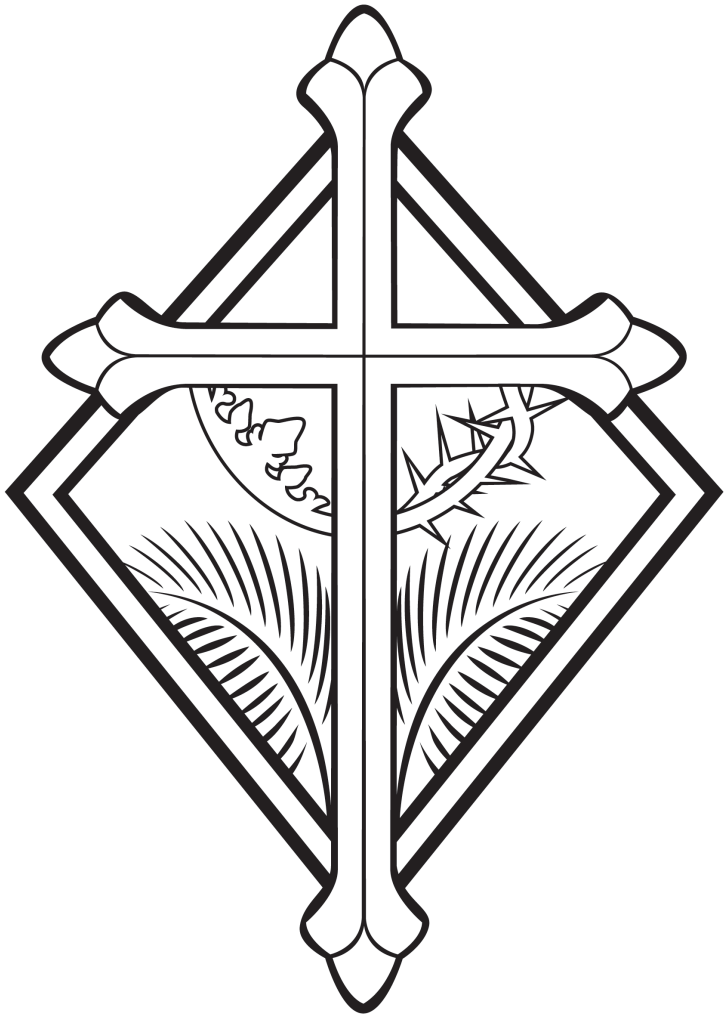
A Note on the 1st Sunday of Advent

"Behold, your King comes to you; He is just and having salvation." (Zechariah 9:9) We enter a new church year today. The church's year is different than that of the secular world. Instead of counting days and years that come, go, and then are lost forever, we number our days according to the deeds and words of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Son of Man, who said, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (John 8:12) Today we begin as Israel once did, waiting for Him whom our faithful God promised, longing for the coming of the Savior from sin and death." If you are a visitor wanting more information about what we teach and confess or a member needing pastoral care, please contact one of our pastors.

Parkland Ev. Lutheran Church

***AD TE LEVAVI* | THE 1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Jesus, The Coming King



November 29, 2026 — 9:30 AM | Rite I (p. 41)

You may find the "Prayers for Worship" on page 40 helpful for your preparation for the Divine Service.

I. THE SERVICE OF PREPARATION

** Indicates the congregation may stand.*

***The Processional Hymn**
#91 - Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
stanzas 1-2,5

1. The Opening Prayer p. 41

***3. The Confession of Sin** p. 41 - 42 *Form II*

***4. The Kyrie Eleison** p. 42-43

***5. The Absolution** p. 43 *Form II*

The Hymn of Expectation *(The Gloria is omitted during Advent.)*
#110 - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
stanzas 1 - 2

(As the hymn is sung the 1st Advent candle will be lit.)

***7. The Salutation & *8. The Collect of the Day** p. 45

Let us pray: Stir up, we beseech You, Your power O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and be saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. ♪ **C: Amen.**

II. THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

9. The Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14–18

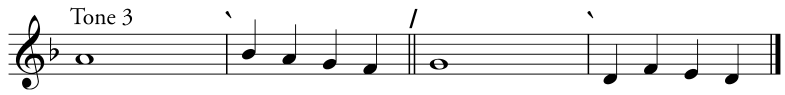
"Behold, the days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and He shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD Is Our Righteousness.'"

For thus says the LORD: "David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, and the Levitical priests shall never

lack a man in My presence to offer burnt offerings, to burn grain offerings, and to make sacrifices forever." (ESV)

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

10. Gradual



All: **All that wait on You shall `not be ashamed./**
Show me Your ways, O Lord; `teach me Your paths.

Lift up your heads, O you gates!
Lift up, you e`verlasting doors!/
And the King of Glo`ry shall come in.

Who is this `King of Glory?
The Lord of Hosts, He is the `King of Glory!

Remember, O Lord, Your `tender mercies,/
For they `are from of old.

11. The Epistle: Romans 13:11–14

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. (ESV)

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

*12. The Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 21:1–9

Now 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!" (ESV)

P: This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

🎵**C: God be praised for His glad tidings.**

***13. The Nicene Creed** p. 47

14. The Chief Hymn

#90 - Savior of the Nations, Come
stanzas 1-3

15. The Sermon: St. Matthew 21:1–9

Rev. Samuel Gullixson

The Chief Hymn

#90 - Savior of the Nations, Come
stanzas 4-5

***16. The Prayer of the Church** p. 48-49

***17. The Apostolic Benediction** p. 49

18. The Offering & The Offering Hymn

O rich the gifts Thou bring'st us,
Thyself made poor and weak;
O love beyond expression,
That thus can sinners seek!
For this, O Lord, will we
Our joyous tribute bring Thee,
And glad Hosannas sing Thee,
And ever grateful be. (#105, v. 5)

III. THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

Those who commune today have informed the pastors prior to the service. If you are not a Lutheran in our fellowship (ELS/WELS) and would like to commune with us in the future, please speak with one of the pastors.

22. The Exhortation p. 52

***19. The Preface** p. 50 **& *20. Proper Preface** p. 51

The appropriate Seasonal Preface can be found on pages 74-75.

***21. The Sanctus** p. 51f **& *23. The Lord's Prayer** p. 53

***24. The Words of Institution** p. 54 **& *25. The Agnus Dei** p. 55

26. The Distribution & Hymns & 27. The Dismissal p. 56

#94 - O How Shall I Receive Thee
stanzas 1-6

#326 - O Living Bread from Heaven

#94 - O How Shall I Receive Thee
stanzas 7-10

#91 - Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
stanzas 3-4

***29. The Collect of Thanksgiving** p. 56

***30. The Benediction** p. 56 - 57

32. The Closing Prayer p. 57

***The Recessional Hymn**

#87 - Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

✠ *The Light of Christ goes with us into the world* ✠
to shine through our vocations.

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