



**The First Sunday in Advent**  
**December 3, A+D 2023**



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DIVINE SERVICE

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Lutheran Service Book

## **The Lord Jesus Comes in Meekness and Humility to Save Us**

Although we pray that God “would rend the heavens and come down” (Is. 64:1), that He would take vengeance against our enemies, we ourselves “have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment” (Is. 64:6). We have continued in our sins for “a long time, and shall we be saved?” (Is. 64:5). Yet, the Lord does not punish us in anger. He comes in voluntary meekness and humility to save us by His grace. Just as He once came into Jerusalem to sacrifice Himself for us upon the cross (Mark 11:4-8), He still comes to His Church with the fruits of His Passion. By His ministry of the Gospel, we are “enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge,” and so He will “sustain you to the end” (1 Cor. 1:5, 8). Although “heaven and earth will pass away,” His words “will not pass away” (Mark 13:31). As He sends disciples to call us to Himself in the fellowship of His Church, so will He “send out the angels” to gather us and all of His elect “from the ends of the earth” to Himself in heaven forever (Mark 13:27).

*Ringing of the Bells*

*Welcome*

# Confession and Absolution

**331 The Advent of Our King**

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

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

### Exhortation

*LSB 151*

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

### Confession of Sins

*LSB 151*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

### Absolution

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- 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.**

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Psalm 25:1–3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.*

- P** Behold, your king is coming to you;  
**C** **righteous and having salvation.**  
**P** To you, O LORD,  
**C** **I lift up my soul.**  
**P** O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;  
**C** **let not my enemies exult over me.**  
**P** Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
**C** **they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**  
**C** **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.**  
**P** Behold, your king is coming to you;  
**C** **righteous and having salvation.**

## Kyrie

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- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so 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** A - men.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 64:1–9*

**A** The Old Testament Reading for The First Sunday in Advent is from the sixty-fourth chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah.

<sup>1</sup>Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains might quake at your presence—

<sup>2</sup>as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil—

to make your name known to your adversaries,

and that the nations might tremble at your presence!  
<sup>3</sup>When you did awesome things that we did not look for,  
 you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.  
<sup>4</sup>From of old no one has heard  
 or perceived by the ear,  
 no eye has seen a God besides you,  
 who acts for those who wait for him.  
<sup>5</sup>You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,  
 those who remember you in your ways.  
 Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;  
 in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?  
<sup>6</sup>We have all become like one who is unclean,  
 and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.  
 We all fade like a leaf,  
 and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.  
<sup>7</sup>There is no one who calls upon your name,  
 who rouses himself to take hold of you;  
 for you have hidden your face from us,  
 and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.  
<sup>8</sup>But now, O LORD, you are our Father;  
 we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
 we are all the work of your hand.  
<sup>9</sup>Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,  
 and remember not iniquity forever.  
 Behold, please look, we are all your people.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 1:3–9*

**A** The Second Reading is from the first chapter of the First Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about

Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### Holy Gospel

*Mark 11:1–10*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.

**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. <sup>5</sup>And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. <sup>7</sup>And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the

fields. <sup>9</sup>And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! <sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise to You, O Christ.

*Sit*

#### **441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty**

#### **Sermon**

*Stand*

#### **Apostles' Creed**

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**G** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Sit*

#### **Gathering of Tithes & Offerings**

*If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate.*



Stand

### 955 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our  
 cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
 sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the  
 hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we  
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and  
 give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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### Prayer of the Church

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

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

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- P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so 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.

### Proper Preface (Full)

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

LSB 161



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

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**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to

the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

### Pax Domini

LSB 163

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



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

LSB 163

**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

### Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood

*Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is*

requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

**Silent Prayer Before Communing:** Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Silent Prayer After Communing:** Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

## 696 O God, My Faithful God

## 350 Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come

Stand

### The Communion Dismissal

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**C** Amen.

### Thank the Lord

LSB 164



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



### Benediction

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**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.



### 348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

*Silent Prayer*

*Announcements*

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Thank you for your support of our Food Basket program! As we look forward to the upcoming holidays, we would like to provide support for those in need for Christmas. We will continue to purchase Aldi gift cards to send to our families in need. If you would like to donate to help purchase the gift cards it would be much appreciated.

Please make your donations for the Christmas Gift Cards by Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> so we have time to purchase cards and send them to the families.

Include your donations with your offering and mark your envelope Social Ministry Food Baskets.

This is a difficult time for all, but we still need to care for those less fortunate. Thank you for your continued support of this important ministry!

Social Ministry





# Advent Season

## **December 6**

9:30 am Advent Serv.

10:30 am Breakfast

11:00 am Book Club

## **December 13**

6:00 pm Pot-luck Dinner

7:00 pm Advent Service

## **December 20**

9:30 am Advent Serv.

10:30 am Breakfast

## **December 24**

9:30 am Worship Service

6:00 pm Candlelight Service





# The Glad Spirit St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church

December 3, 2023

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Daniel & Sharon Zander  
Danielle Zander  
Sean Zander  
Ray & Madelaine Zander

### BIRTHDAYS

Olive Dunne, 12/5

### BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

David Hudson Jr., 12/6  
Barry Diekelman, 12/7

### SPECIAL CONCERNS

**Pray for** Diane Akers, Janice Abel, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Carmen Dampier, Judy Diekleman, Latricia Harris, Ed Hoeksema Jr., Chester Orendorff, Violet Rich, Dolly Tagenhorst, Dorothy Van Mynen, Warren Van Mynen, Gene Wiltjer, Ray Zander.

**Serving in the Military** – Austin Brandy, David Capodagli, James Fluechtling, Nathan Lopez, and Robert Wisely.

**Serving as First Responders** – David Allen, Dave Bloom, Nathan Conway, Brianne Giba, Melanie Hudson, Brian Orth, Dana Tatgenhorst, Taylor VanDommelen and Dan Zander.



## NEWS UPDATE

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To the glory of God and in honor of Lu & Brian Blakes 20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary a memorial gift has been made to Social Ministry by Bob & Deb Brandy.

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St. Paul Book Club will meet Wednesday December 6 right after Advent Service & Breakfast, to review *Comfort & Joy: A Fable* by Kristin Hannah. We usually meet at 10am on the second Wednesday of the month and always welcome new members. Book Club is in person and thru FB chat. Please let Deb know in advance so she can link you in.

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**Christ For You this week on KFUO.org:** Advent music begins this week, and the 12 Days of Christmas runs December 24 - January 6. Study 1 Corinthians 10-11 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Micah 3-7 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and Melanchthon's Greeting to the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (12/9 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) or the KFUO Radio app!

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**Sacred Music for the Advent Season...** "Savior of the Nations, Come," "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry," "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending," "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding," "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." You can listen to sacred music for the Advent season 24/7 at [lutheranpublicradio.org](http://lutheranpublicradio.org), TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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**We'd love to see** you in worship. Our worship services are every Sunday at 9:30 AM. If you are unable to attend it can be viewed on Facebook live at <https://www.facebook.com/splcms/videos>. A previous recording is also available. Bulletins for the services are available for viewing or download on our website at <https://www.splcms.org/worship>.

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"In view of God's display of love in Advent and Christmas, we gladly unite to praise Him. Christmas brings out that unity as we join with Mary and Joseph and shepherds and angels to glorify our Savior as one united family. For this reason, we pray as Paul did, 'May the God of hope fill

you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.” Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)

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## King for a Day

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Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Mark 11:9 (NIV)

Based on Mark 11:1-11 (NIV)

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MOUNT	CLOAKS	CUT	JERUSALEM	PEOPLE
TIED	SHOUT	HOSANNA	STREET	OLIVES
ROAD	BRANCHES	THREW	NAME	VILLAGE

# GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS



November 26<sup>th</sup> Attendance 23, 19 Communed, 13 Online

Basket	\$20.00	Weekly Missions	\$20.00
Envelopes	661.00	Luth. Church Charity	20.00
Organist		Church Maint	10.00
		Social Ministry	325.00
<b>Budgeted Total</b>	<b>681.00</b>	<b>Non-budgeted Total</b>	<b>\$375.00</b>
Offering Needed	1,233.00		
<b>Short</b>	<b>\$-552.00</b>		



## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...
Monday		
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Wednesday	9:30 am	Advent Worship Service
	10:30 am	Advent Breakfast
	11:00 am	Book Club
Thursday		
Friday		
Saturday		
Sunday	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:30 am	Coffee &...

## SERVANT SCHEDULE

	Dec 3, 9:30 AM	Dec 10, 9:30 AM
Pastor	Pastor Dobberstein	Pastor Fluechtling
Usher		Louis Sella
Lay Reader	Mary Sella	Diana Carr

## DONATIONS



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