

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 30, Anno Domini (The Year of Our
LORD) 2025

✠ Preparation ✠

Welcome and Connection Cards

Opening Hymn - "The Advent of Our King"

*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.

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.

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

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.

Stand

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit *Psalm 118:25–28; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt*

Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation.

Save us, we pray, O LORD!

O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Blessèd is he who comes in the Name of the LORD!

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

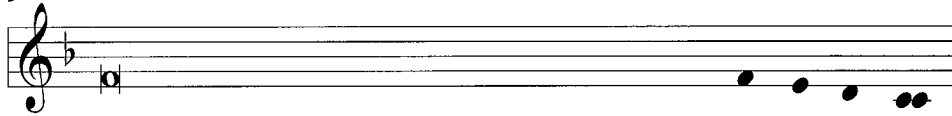
The LORD is God, and he has made his light to
shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the

horns of the altar!
 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
 you are my God; I will extol you.
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.
 Behold, your king is coming to you;
 righteous and having salvation.

Kyrie

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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the LORD.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P 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; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P 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; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious LORD.



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 2:1–5

Stand

After the reading:

- L** This is the Word of the LORD.
C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

- ¹I was glad when they said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”
- ²Our feet have been standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem!
- ³Jerusalem—built as a city
that is bound firmly together,
- ⁴to which the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
as was decreed for Israel,
to give thanks to the Name of the LORD.
- ⁵There thrones for judgment were set,
the thrones of the house of David.
- ⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!
“May they be secure who love you!
- ⁷Peace be within your walls
and security within your towers!”
- ⁸For my brothers and companions’ sake
I will say, “Peace be within you!”

Epistle Reading

After the reading:

- L** This is the Word of the LORD.
C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse



All: Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.



Holy Gospel

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew,
the twenty-fourth chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O LORD.**

After the reading:

- P** This is the Gospel of the LORD.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**All: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one LORD Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,**

God of God, Light of Light,
 very God of very God,
 begotten, not made,
 being of one substance with the Father,
 by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our salvation came
 down from heaven
 and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the
 virgin Mary
 and was made man;
 and was crucified also for us under Pontius
 Pilate.
 He suffered and was buried.
 And the third day He rose again according to
 the Scriptures
 and ascended into heaven
 and sits at the right hand of the Father.
 And He will come again with glory to judge both
 the living and
 the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.
 And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the LORD and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is
 worshiped and
 glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
 Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of
 sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

Hymn of the Day - "Savior of the Nations, Come"

Sermon *"Stay Awake!"* *Matthew 24:36-44*

MEMORY VERSE:

Matthew 24:44

"Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**All: 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

Closing Hymn - "Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying"

Prayer of the Church

The congregation now greets one another in the Name of the LORD, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Pax Domini

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P The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C Amen.

Sit

Offering

Benedicamus

LSB 212

P Let us bless the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

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.

Sit

Announcements

Children are invited to come forward and assist in leading the Closing Song with percussion instruments

Stand