

First Sunday in Advent
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(The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod)

WELCOME

INVOCATION:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP and INVITATORY FOR ADVENT: *(Antiphon: Psalm 80:1a, 2)*

Pastor: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You Who lead Joseph like a flock!

People: Stir up Your might and come to save us!

Pastor: The Spirit and the Church cry out:

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: All those who await His appearance pray:

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: The whole creation pleads:

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, You Who lead Joseph like a flock!

People: Stir up Your might and come to save us!

OPENING HYMN: “The Advent of Our King” (LSB, #331, verses 1, 2, and 6)

The advent of our King
Our prayers must now employ,
And we must hymns of welcome sing
In strains of holy joy.

The everlasting Son
Incarnate deigns to be,
Himself a servant’s form puts on
To set His servants free.

All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Pastor: The holy Word of God always points us to Jesus, my friends, and throughout this new year of grace the Scriptures will reveal Him to us as the Lord Almighty, our Friend and Redeemer, the Servant of God and Savior of sinners, the coming King, to Whom all glory and praise belong.

People: Yet in our sinfulness we often fail to recognize our Lord's approach and give Him the honor and worship He deserves. We allow earthly concerns—joys and sorrows, fears and needs—to claim our attentions and cloud our vision. We need someone to re-focus our hearts.

Pastor: That's exactly what the Holy Spirit does, beloved! By prophecy, psalmody, epistle, and gospel He directs our hearts toward the Son of God. Of His pure grace the Spirit opens our eyes to see and believe what the manger and cross disguise and what Satan wickedly conspires to hide and deny: That the infant Child of Bethlehem Who grew to be the Man of Calvary and rose again as the Mighty Victor over sin and the grave is the long-promised Messiah, the One anointed by God, through Whose life, death, and resurrection our transgressions are pardoned and our places in heaven guaranteed. As a called and ordained minister of this gospel and by the authority the risen Christ bestowed on His Church, I, therefore, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: 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. Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 64:1–9*

Oh that You would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at Your presence—
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!

When You did awesome things that we did not look for,
You came down, the mountains quaked at Your presence.
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.
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?
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.
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.
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.
Be not so terribly angry, O Lord,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all Your people.

RESPONSORY: Psalm 80:3

Lector: Restore us, O God;

People: let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

EPISTLE READING: *1 Corinthians 1:3–9*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in Him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

RESPONSORY: Psalm 80:7

Lector: Restore us, O God of hosts;

People: let Your face shine, that we may be saved!

Lector: Please rise, as you are able.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 11th chapter:

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

GOSPEL READING: Mark 11:1–10

When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of His disciples 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. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and He sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Apostles' Creed

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

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!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Children's Message will return to its regularly scheduled place when we are able to increase the length of the worship service. Until then, it is available online at www.flcms.org/index.php/media/sermons.

HYMN: "O Savior, Rend the Heavens Wide" (LSB, #355 verses 1, 6, and 7)

O Savior, rend the heavens wide;
Come down, come down with mighty stride;
Unlock the gates, the doors break down;
Unbar the way to heaven's crown.

Sin's dreadful doom upon us lies;
Grim death looms fierce before our eyes.
O come, lead us with mighty hand
From exile to our promised land.

There shall we all our praises bring
And sing to You, our Savior King;
There shall we laud You and adore
Forever and forevermore.

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SERMON: "United We Stand" (Psalm 80:1-7)

OFFERTORY:

While the Coronavirus may have changed the way we come through the front doors of church, thanks be to God it has not prevented us from coming to Church! Please consider, as you are able, returning thanks and giving today at www.flcms.org/index.php/give.

OFFERTORY HYMN: "Hosanna to the Living Lord" (The Lutheran Hymnal # 70, verse 1)

Hosanna to the living Lord!
Hosanna to th'Incarnate Word!
To Christ, Creator, Savior, King,
Let earth, let heav'n, hosanna sing.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

BENEDICTION: *Numbers 6:24-26*

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Hark the Glad Sound" (LSB, #349)

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne
And ev'ry voice a song.

He comes the pris'ners to release,
In Satan's bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
Thy welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring
With Thy belovèd name.

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

In Christian Service:

All disciples of the Lord Jesus

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Proclaimer – Rev. Bill Crowe

Liturgist – Rev. Walt Pohland

Organist – Karen Darby

Musicians:

Austin Angerman

Children's Chapel:

DCE Jonathan Loesch, DCE Austin Angerman

Lay Readers:

Online – John Cotner

9:30 - Joanna Roche

11:00 - John Cotner