



The First Sunday in Advent

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Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Setting Five



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INTRODUCTION



Advent is about the "coming days." God's people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated enunciation in the texts appointed for these four weeks. The ancients anticipated a "righteous Branch to spring up for David." The Thessalonians awaited "the coming of our Lord Jesus with all the saints." Our Lord's contemporaries hoped for the time "to stand before the Son of Man." With them we eagerly await the coming days: another Christmas celebration, a second coming, and the advent of our Lord in word and supper.

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GATHERING

The GATHERING MUSIC: "Hark, The Glad Sound"

The BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of Holy Baptism
In the Name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen

Our help is in the Name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth. [Ps. 124:8]

The Lord will come and all his holy ones with him;

And in that day the light will be great. [Zech. 14:5]

Behold, the Name of the Lord comes from afar, [Isa. 30:27]

And the whole earth will be filled with his glory. [Ps.72:19]

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God our King, receive, we pray, this crown of green
which we offer to you for service in your house, and grant
that all who look at it may more and more be enlightened
by him who is the true light, and eagerly look for his return,
that with joyful hearts we may welcome him when he
comes in the fullness of his glory; your Son Jesus Christ
our Lord.

Amen.

Let us cast off the works of darkness,

and let us put on the armor of light. [Rom. 13:12]

The first candle is lit. The devotion at the wreath concludes with the following:

O Jesus, Sun of Righteousness, rise in our hearts and
enlighten us with the brightness of your coming, that we
who rejoice in the sure word of your promise, may not be
put to shame at your coming in glory; through your mercy,
O our God, who with the Holy Spirit live and govern all
things now and evermore. [Mozarabic Rite, 7th Century]

Amen.

The GATHERING HYMN
"Rejoice, rejoice believers"

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The GREETING

The Pastor greets the assembly with the following words:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

And also with you.

The KYRIE

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The PRAYER OF THE DAY

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The assembly is seated

WORD

The FIRST READING

Jeremiah 33:14–16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In 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. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

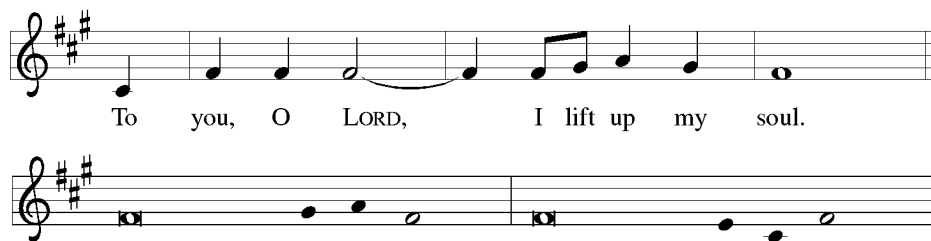
The reading concludes

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The PSALMODY

Psalms 25:1-10



¹To | you, O LORD,

I lift | up my soul.

²**My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴**Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths. Refrain**

⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;

in you have I trusted all¹ the day long.
**6Remember, O LORD, your compas-¹ sion and love,
 for they are from¹ everlasting. Refrain**
⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and¹ my transgressions;
 remember me according to your steadfast love
 and for the sake of your good-¹ ness, O LORD.
**8You are gracious and up-¹ right, O LORD;
 therefore you teach sinners¹ in your way.**
⁹You lead the low-¹ ly in justice
 and teach the low-¹ ly your way.
**10All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast¹ love and faithfulness
 to those who keep your covenant and your¹ testimonies. Refrain**

The SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.
¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The reading concludes

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands

The GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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The HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:25–36

²⁵There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."
²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.
³⁴Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The SERMON

Silence for reflection

The assembly stands to proclaim the Word of God in song.

The HYMN OF THE DAY

“People, look east”

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The CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen

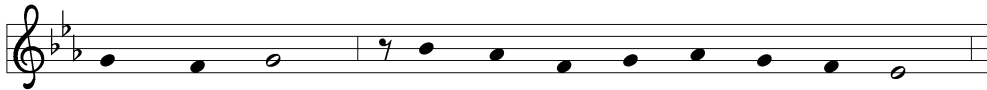
The PRAYERS & PEACE

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Creator of the Stars of Night



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -
 2 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in
 3 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all
 4 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, re - deem us for e -
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it,



last - ing light, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,
 splen - dor bright, not as a mon - arch, but the child
 hearts must bow: all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 ter - nal day; de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



we pray you hear us when we call.
 of Mar - y, bless - ed moth - er mild.
 like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

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The GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The SANCTUS

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The THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (III)

Holy One,
The beginning and the end...*The prayer continues*

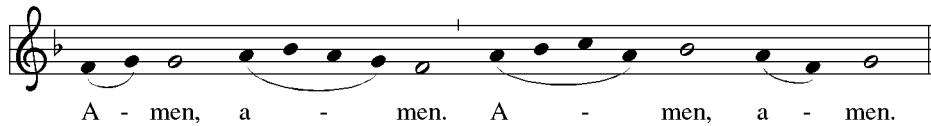
...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith



*The prayer continues...*We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

*The prayer continues...*Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

The prayer continues and concludes...
All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High
one God, now and forever.



The LORD'S PRAYER (Sung)

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The BREAKING OF THE BREAD

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are we who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

The assembly is seated

The LAMB OF GOD

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The DISTRIBUTION

*Believing in the Real Presence of Christ, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America practices Eucharistic Hospitality. Admission to the Sacrament is by invitation of the Lord, presented through the Church to those who are baptized. **The Sacrament is distributed by coming up the center aisle and moving to the far end of the rail. Please kneel as you are able.** Those who do not wish to receive the Sacrament may approach with their arms crossed to receive a blessing.*

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

“Christ, be our light”

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“My Lord, what a morning”

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The assembly stands.

The POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen and keep you in his grace.

Amen

Let us pray... Almighty God, in the Eucharist you cleanse us from our
sins and prepare us for the coming of your Son. Make us
ready always to welcome him into our hearts as we receive
your Holy Sacrament; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

The SOLEMN BLESSING FOR ADVENT

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ
came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light
of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

Amen.

May He whose second Coming in power and great glory we
await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and
constant in love.

Amen.

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer,
at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

Amen.

And the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the + Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you
forever.

Amen.

The SENDING HYMN

“Hark, the glad sound!”

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The SENDING

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

The SENDING MUSIC: “Wake, Awake”

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The **Altar Flowers** are given by Glen & Carol Lautenschleger to the Glory of God.
The **Eternal Candle** is given by John & Brenda Bitikofer to the Glory of God.

**POINSETTIAS – IF YOU HAVE NOT PLACED YOUR ORDER FOR POINSETTIAS
YET, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE WILL BE CALLING THE
ORDER IN. THANK YOU.**

5th Sunday Community Worship & Free Meal held at St. John UCC on November 29 – 5pm.



The Social Missions committee is supporting “The Carpenter’s Cupboard” (the food pantry @ United Methodist Strasburg) for the month of December. Cash donations are needed but we are also collecting the following:

Gallon Ziploc food storage bags
Disposable diapers
Sanitary Napkins or tampons
Cleaning Supplies
Bath soap & shampoo
Laundry detergent and dish soap
Toilet paper, tissues and paper towels
Toothpaste and toothbrushes
Deodorant (men and women)

We will collect these items in the box in the Narthex beginning Sunday, December 6th thru Sunday, January 3rd, 2010. Please give generously for those in need in our community.

The Social Missions committee will meet on Tuesday, December 15th @ 7:00 PM to discuss missions for 2010.

On Saturday, December 5, 2009 at Wallick Auction Center a fundraiser will be held for Strasburg resident Doug Froman. The dinner which consists of Rigatoni, Soup, Salad, Dessert and Beverage, will be held from 4pm to 7pm. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children 4-11, under 4 – free. Tickets may be purchased at El Duckos and Strasburg Pharmacy. There will be a live auction held at 7pm. Thrivent Financial Care in Communities will provide matching funds for the event.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST LUTHERAN (Week of 11/29—12/6)

Sunday	<u>The First Sunday in Advent</u> 9 AM—Beach City Service of the Word 10:15 AM—Beach City Christian Education 9:15 AM—Strasburg Christian Education 10:30 AM—Strasburg Holy Communion 11:30 PM—Catechism
Monday	9 AM—Beach City Quilters
Tuesday	9 AM—Busy Bee Quilters
Wednesday	10 AM— <i>The Book of Concord</i> (Beach City)
Thursday	7 PM— <i>The Book of Concord</i> (Strasburg)
Friday	No Scheduled Activities
Saturday	4 PM – Doug Froman Benefit Dinner – Wallick’s Auction Center
Sunday	<u>The Second Sunday in Advent (Commemoration of St. Nicholas)</u> 9 AM—Beach City Holy Communion 10:15 AM—Beach City Christian Education 9:15 AM—Strasburg Christian Education 10:30 AM—Strasburg Holy Communion 11:30 PM—Catechism

All ministry is open to disciples in both Strasburg and Beach City congregations. The names “Strasburg” or “Beach City” denotes location