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1st Sunday In Advent [Ad Te Levavi]—The Sunday of the Great Entrance—“The Lord Comes Even Now” —**03 December 2017**

Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, “Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.” (Isaiah 62.11)

Welcome to Faith! God’s House is your home. Божий будинок, твій дім!

The members of Faith Lutheran are glad to have you join us as we gather around the Word and Sacraments of our Lord Jesus Christ. Here is where we find our source of forgiveness and life before God. It is our prayer that you also may rejoice in the precious message of the Gospel of our Lord: “But God, Who is rich in mercy, loved us with such a great love. He made us who were dead in sins alive with Christ. You have been saved by grace” (Eph. 2. 4, 5). Visitors, please be sure to sign the Guest Book in the entry. Pastor Grabenhofer stands ready to serve you in any way consistent with his office.

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THE PREPARATION

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THE SERVICE OF THE WORD— Jesus comes with His word to enlighten us

Introit: (Psalm 25.1-4)

P: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C: O my God, in you I trust;

P: Let me not be put to shame;

C: Let not my enemies exult over me.

P: Indeed, none who wait for you **C: shall be put to shame.**

P: Make me to know your ways, O LORD; **C: teach me your paths.**

Gloria Patri [Glory be to the Father] pg. 16

Kyrie [Lord] pg. 17

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P: Beloved in the Lord, as we begin the season of Advent, let this wreath remind us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and to lead us into the light of His glorious kingdom, as the prophet Isaiah says, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.” [Is. 9.2]

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord, **C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: *Let us pray.* O Lord Jesus Christ, the true Light who comes into the world to enlighten everyone, bless us as we light the candles of this wreath in preparation for Your coming, and so enkindle our hearts with the fire of Your love that we may receive You with joy and gladness and evermore remain steadfast in the faith, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

P: The Lord almighty, the Father, the ✠ Son and the Holy Spirit, bless this wreath for use in His church throughout this holy season of Advent.

C: Amen

HYMN: The New Church Year Again Is Come [ELH #93; tune TLH #131]

1. The new church year again is come **2.** Now in our midst anew are heard
And wakes the joy of Christendom; The lessons of God’s holy Word
Thy King, O Zion, comes to thee, That lead the way to life and heav’n;
Rejoice, rejoice eternally. Lord, praise to Thee for this be giv’n.

3. Thy truth repeated o’er and o’er
Our faith will strengthen more and more;
Let it abide in us, that we
May join in endless praise to Thee.

THE ADVENT WREATH has four candles reminding us of our hope in Jesus, the Light of the world, Whom the powers of darkness cannot overcome. Lighting a new candle each week marks our Advent journey to the Christ Child. **THE FIRST CANDLE WE LIGHT IN THE ADVENT WREATH IS THE PROPHECY CANDLE.** It reminds us of all the promises and prophecies about the Savior who was to be born. These Gospel promises sparked hope in the hearts of the faithful.

Gloria in Excelsis [Glory in the highest]

omitted until Christmas

Salutation/ **Collect**

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P: 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 Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Epistle— Romans 13:11-14 (EHV)

¹¹And do this since you understand the present time. It is already the hour for you to wake up from sleep, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is almost over, and the day is drawing near. So let us put away the deeds of darkness and put on the weapons of light. ¹³Let us walk decently as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual sin and wild living, not in strife and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not give any thought to satisfying the desires of your sinful flesh.

Gradual: (Psalm 25.3,4; 85.7)

P: Let no one who waits on You be ashamed, O Lord;

C: Show me Your ways, O Lord. Teach me Your paths.

P: Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

C: Show us Your mercy, O Lord, And grant us Your salvation. Hallelujah!

Triple Hallelujah pg. 20

Gospel— St. Matthew 21. 1-9 [EHV] pg. 21

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²telling them, “Go to the village ahead of you. Immediately you will find a donkey tied there along with her colt. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, you are to say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.”

⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

⁵Tell the daughter of Zion: Look, your King comes to you, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

⁶The disciples went and did just as Jesus commanded them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their outer clothing on them, and he sat on it. ⁸A very large crowd spread their outer clothing on the road. Others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them out on the road. ⁹The crowds who went in front of him and those who followed kept shouting,

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!

Nicene Creed pg. 22

Hymn: #58 [1-5] O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee

Sermon—Isaiah 62. 10-12: ¹⁰Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples. ¹¹Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, “Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.” ¹²And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

The Lord’s Gift Of A Blessed New Church Year

1. Prepare to enter it with repentance
2. Salvation comes to us in it

[Silence for meditation]

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Offering

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: Jeremiah 23:6 “*And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’*” Jesus is our righteousness, our justification, our all. In Jesus we are forgiven and receive every blessing from the Father. This knowledge sets us free to live as children of the Heavenly Father without fear. Freed from the supposed need to justify ourselves, good works can be done by us for the *right* reason: to thank God and to serve our neighbor.

The Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” Heavenly Father, You breathed life into the dust of the earth and created Adam. You visited Adam and Eve after they fell into sin with the promise of the Savior. You continued to be present through the word of the prophets. Today, we welcome Your continued presence as we enter the new Church Year. We are not worthy of Your love

and grace, which You continually bestow upon us. Forgive our many trespasses over the past year, and create in us clean hearts. Bless us throughout this next year, that we may be cleansed of sin, make no provision for the flesh to gratify its desires, and walk in the newness of life. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Lord, just as Christ made His entrance into Jerusalem as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, so also He comes to us today through the Word and Sacraments. During this holy season of Advent, grant that we may rejoice in Christ's first coming, receive Him as He comes to us today, and look forward to His return with readiness. Grant faithfulness to Your children, and extend Your Kingdom to many who do not know You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, the children sang Your praises upon the entrance of Christ in Jerusalem to the indignation of the chief priests and scribes. Today, many do not want to hear Your word of truth and try to thwart the proclamation of the Gospel. Stop the efforts of those who try to replace Your truth with lies or water down Your Word. Bring to naught the efforts of those who wish to eliminate Christianity. Grant faithfulness to all pastors and church workers in their preaching and teaching. Grant faithfulness to all Your people when they endure hardship or persecution. Bless Your people with confidence that nothing can separate them from Your love in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting Father, You provide for all the needs of body and soul. You have given us far more than we can ask or recognize. All that we have belongs to You. Thank You for blessing us so richly! Yet, our trust in Your provision is weak. We greedily claim as ours the things that are Yours. We have not been good stewards of the possessions You have granted to us. Grant that we may this new year use our belongings for the benefit of our neighbor and be good stewards of all that we have. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate Lord, You made the heavens and the earth in six days and declared it was good. Sin has corrupted Your wonderful creation and has brought upon us all sorts of hardship, grief, sickness and injury. Bless all who are affected by the effects of sin, especially our loved ones and members of our congregation. Visit them with Your grace, and comfort them with the promise of complete restoration that will occur when Christ Jesus comes again in glory. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, as Your Son entered Jerusalem to shouts of "Hosanna!" and instituted the Lord's Supper, so also He saves us now by coming to us in the same Sacrament. Grant repentant hearts and a firm faith to all who

commune, that they may continue to sing their hosannas until the day they join You in paradise. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Jesus comes to nourish us with His Body and Blood

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TODAY WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION. TODAY WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION. "Advent" means "coming." Christ came in the flesh at Bethlehem, He comes now in Word and Sacrament, and He will come again in judgment. As we look forward to His final coming, we find our deepest joy and comfort in His present coming with His very body and blood for our forgiveness. Because of our sincere concern that each person communing receives Jesus' body and blood to his or her soul's benefit, we practice closed communion and invite to the Lord's Table members in good standing of this or another congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. If you are such a guest and desire the holy Sacrament, please speak with the pastor before the service.

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Silent Prayer

TELL THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today— Voters' Meeting	after service
Tuesday—Bible Study	6 pm
Wednesday—Advent Service—Feast of St. Nicholas	7 pm
Thursday—Bible Study	9.30 am
Sunday—Holy Communion preceded by Morning Service	
<u>PLEASE PRAY FOR:</u> Virginia Butler, Dan and Jean Fraser, Jonna Holden, Arthur Scott, Karen Weiner; Mary Ellen Carl.	

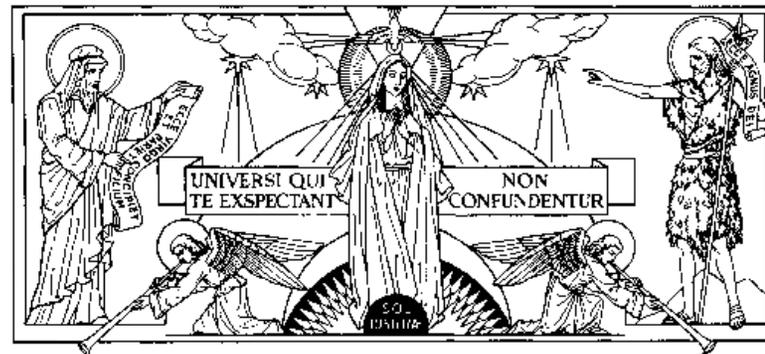
The season of Advent begins the new Church Year. Advent means “coming” and serves as a time of preparation to receive the Promised Savior. Our celebration of Christmas remembers His coming into the world to be our Savior. We also remember His coming to us and presence with us now in His Word and Sacrament. We also remember His promise to return on the Last Day. Advent has a two-fold emphasis. One, it is a time of joyous remembrance of God becoming man in the Christ Child. Second, Advent is a time to “clean house” spiritually in preparation for Jesus’ Second Coming. With these two themes, the Scripture readings during Advent lead us to introspection and renewal and great joy and celebration as we head toward Christmas.

PRAYERS: Almighty Lord God, in Your grace to us, You have given us a new Church Year and let us experience this first Sunday in it. In this Church Year continue to grant Your Spirit and Divine Wisdom to Your Church so that Your Word may have free course and be spread among us and received with the joyfulness that is due it; and also that it may be preached and build up Your Christian Church so that we may serve You steadfast in the faith and remain in the confession of Your name until our end; through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, our Lord. Amen.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we rightly thank, bless and praise You forever. You have made Your Son King over us poor people who, because of our sin, were under the tyranny of death and Satan. Your Son is a righteous King and Savior who by His death rescued and helped us. We also pray that You would enlighten, govern and lead us by Your Holy Spirit so that we cling alone to this true King and Savior and not be offended by His lowliness and despised Word, like the world is, so that we may be eternally saved through a firm faith in Him. Amen.

LUTHER NOTES: [Christ] is a peculiar King: you do not seek Him, He seeks you; you do not find Him; He finds you; for the preachers come from Him not from you; their preaching comes from him not from you; your faith comes from Him not from you, and all that your faith works in you comes from Him not from you.

The Gospel, which is called the power of God, is such a might and power that it brings a person from sin to righteousness, out of death into life, out of hell into heaven and out of the devil’s kingdom into God’s kingdom and eternally saves.



PROPRIUM DE TEMPORE

TEMPUS ADVENTUS

DOMINICA PRIMA ADVENTUS

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Statio ad S. Mariam maiorem

Ant. ad Introitum



Ad te levavi animam meam: Deus meus, in te confido, non erubescam: neque irideant me inimici mei: etenim universi, qui te expectant, non confundentur. Ps. ibid., 4 Vias tuas, Domine, demonstra mihi: et semitas tuas edoce me. V. Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

Quo finito, repetitur Ad te levavi usque ad psalmum.

† Hic modus repetendi antiphonam ad Introitum servatur per totum annum.

Ps. 24, 1-3

† Non dicitur Gloria in excelsis in Missis de Tempore ab hac dominica usque ad vigiliam Nativitatis Domini inclusive.

Orémus.

Excita, quaesumus, Domine, potentiam tuam, et veni: ut ab imminentibus peccatorum nostrorum periculis, te mereamur protegente eripi, te liberante salvari: Qui vivis et regnas cum Deo Patre in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus: per omnia saecula saeculorum. R. Amen.

Lectio Epistolae beati Pauli Apostoli ad Romanos. Rom. 13, 11-14

Frateres: Scientes, quia hora est iam propior est nostra salus, quam cum

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“Your King is coming to you. He will bring justice and salvation. But, He lacks all pomp, all royal equipment; He appears with no glory or magnificence but comes like a humble person, a common man, like one of the hoi polloi, like anyone of a common herd, not distinguished from others by any royal insignia.” --Luther [LW 20:94]