



FIRST SUNDAY OF

Advent

Sunday, November 30, 2025

Service Theme

IMMINENT ARRIVAL OF THE KING

Advent marks the start of a new Church Year. We begin at the end, watching King Jesus ride into Jerusalem on a donkey colt, knowing full well that he will be killed before the end of the week. The events of Palm Sunday serve as a microcosm of all Jesus' work, demonstrating that the King of the universe was willing to humble himself and endure anything for our salvation. That is precisely why Christ came. That is why we anticipate his imminent arrival not with worry but with joy.

Invocation and Lighting of the Advent Candles

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

Amen.

We light one Advent candle, remembering Jesus, who is coming again. He will come to gather his people from everywhere, both the living and the dead.

**We remember Jesus, who will come at the end of time.
None of us know what day that will be.**

We hear his call to watch.

**We light one Advent candle as a sign of our
watchfulness and waiting.**

Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

**Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be
blessed.**

309 The Advent of Our King

CW 309



- 1 The ad - vent of our King our prayers must now em - ploy,
- 2 The ev - er - last - ing Son, in flesh con - tent to be,
- 3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise to meet your low - ly King,
- 4 As judge, on clouds of light, he soon will come a - gain



and we must hymns of wel - come sing in strains of ho - ly joy.
him - self a ser - vant's form puts on to set his ser - vants free.
nor let a faith - less heart de - spise the peace he comes to bring.
and his true mem - bers all u - nite with him in heav'n to reign.

- 5 Before the dawning day
let sin's dark deeds be gone,
the old self all be put away,
the new self now put on.
- 6 All glory to the Son,
who comes to set us free,
with Father, Spirit, ever one
through all eternity.

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The Service

Service of Word and Prayer (page 266)

I rejoiced with those who said to me,
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!

**Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are
ever praising you.**

The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

Time of Christmas

Show us your unfailing love, Lord,
and grant us your salvation.

The glory of the Lord will be revealed,
and all people will see it together.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

**We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only
Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 2:1–5

In the future, when our King arrives again, he will transform this world.

¹This is the message that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²This will take place in the latter days:

The mountain of the LORD's house will be established
as the chief of the mountains.

It will be raised above the hills,
and all nations will stream to it like a river.

³Many peoples will come and say,

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob.

Then he will instruct us about his ways,
and we will walk in his paths.”

For from Zion the law will go out,
and the LORD's word will go out from Jerusalem.

⁴He will judge between the nations,
and he will mediate for many peoples.

Then they will beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into blades for trimming vines.

Nation will not lift up sword against nation,
nor will they learn war anymore.

⁵O house of Jacob, come,
and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

24B Welcome the King

Psalm 24B

Refrain



Wel - come the King of glo - ry, each tribe and na - tion!



He is the LORD Al - migh - ty, bring - ing sal - va - tion.

Verses



- 1 See, all the earth is God's, its peo - ple and na - tions;
- 2 Who can go up this moun - tain, who stand in prais - ing?
- 3 They shall re - ceive for - give - ness, and have God's bless - ing
- 4 Come, lift your voic - es high, be lift - ed to glo - ry;

Refrain (sung after each verse)



God built it on the deeps and laid its foun - da - tions.
Those who are pure, who come with clean hands up - rais - ing.
if they will search for God, their Sav - ior con - fess - ing.
the LORD our God ap - proach - es, come, shout the sto - ry.

- 5 Who is this glorious one, for whom we are waiting?
We wait the mighty LORD, our God celebrating.
(Refrain)
- 6 Come, lift your heads with joy; come, lift up your tower;
the King of glory comes in full might and power.
(Refrain)
- 7 Who is this King of glory of whom we're singing?
Our God, this LORD of hosts, the vict'ry is bringing.
(Refrain)

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Second Reading

Philippians 4:4–7

Our present life is transformed from nervousness to excitement and joy because of the arrival of the King.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

Philippians 2:10

Alleluia, alleluia.

At the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Matthew 21:1–11

The King of all creation arrives in total humility, willing to do everything necessary to save us from the consequences of our sin.

¹As 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!

¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹And the crowds were saying, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

301 Savior of the Nations, Come

CW 301



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Vir - gin's
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, by the
 3 Won - drous birth! O won - drous Child of the
 4 From the Fa - ther's throne he came and as -
 5 Praise to God the Fa - ther sing, praise to



Son, make here your home. Mar - vel now, O
 Spir - it of our God was the Word of
 vir - gin un - de - filed, though by all the
 cend - ed to the same, cap - tive lead - ing
 God the Son, our King, praise to God the



heav'n and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.
 God made flesh, wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
 world dis - owned, yet to be in heav'n en - throned!
 death and hell. High the song of tri - umph swell!
 Spir - it be ev - er and e - ter - nal - ly.

Sermon

Isaiah 2:1–5

Come, Lord Jesus, King over the nations!

- 1) He calls to the nations through his Church.
- 2) He will rule his people in peace.

Apostles' Creed

CW 268

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty.**

**From there 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.**

511 Crown Him with Many Crowns

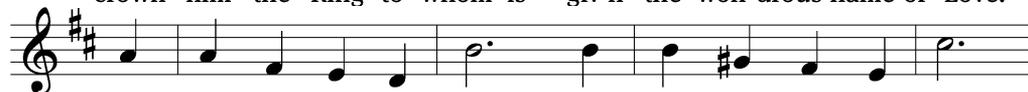
CW 511



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, en - throned in worlds a - bove;



hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
crown him the King to whom is giv'n the won - drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,
Crown him with man - y crowns as thrones be - fore him fall;



and hail him as thy match-less King thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down-ward bends his won-d'ring eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died e - ter - nal life to bring and lives that death may die.
crown him, ye kings, with man - y crowns for he is King of all.

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Prayer for Advent

Gracious Lord, you sent your Son into our world to destroy the power of Satan and restore the human race as your children and heirs. Work in us during this Advent season so that we may rejoice in the coming of our Savior and long for his coming again.

Make us eager to receive the King who comes to save us.

Use the preaching of your holy law to rid us of all delusions that we can gain your love with our own efforts. Move us to realize how hopeless we are because of sin and to feel sorrow for what we have done wrong.

Lead us to be honest about our sinful status in your sight.

Lift up our hearts to see the King who comes to save. Reveal to us his willingness to take on our human form and stand in our place. Show us the power he extends in his Word and sacraments to make us your children and keep us in faith. Thrill us with his promise to come and take us to our eternal home to live with you forever.

Open our eyes to see and believe the wonders of the Savior's love.

As we live with Christ and trust in him, move us to turn away from sin day after day with the strength your Holy Spirit provides. When we fall, forgive us and renew us to love and serve you and all people.

Empower us and guide us to walk with Christ by faith.

Protect us from the distractions that come at this time of the year. Even in gift-giving and celebrating, keep our hearts focused on Christ and his forgiving love.

Give us joy at his coming at Christmas, his coming in the gospel, and his coming again.

Move us to share with others the most important gift of this season, the truth about Jesus. Even in busy times lead us to pray for those whose joy is diminished because of sickness, pain, or loss. [Especially bless... *here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Give us opportunities to provide help to those in need.

May others see the love of Christ in our words and actions.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Loving Lord, work in us during this Advent season so that our joy may be genuine and may rest in the promises of the King who comes to save.

Come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the † Son,
and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

Amen.

327 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel CW 327 sts. 1, Ref, 2-4



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, O Root of Jes - se, free your own from
3 O come, O Day-spring from on high, and cheer us
4 O come, O Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen

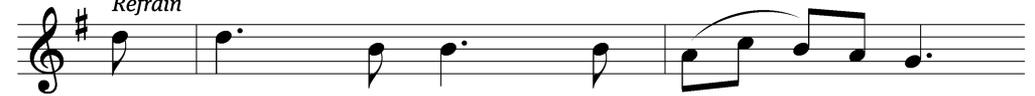


cap - tive Is - ra - el that mourns in lone - ly
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your
by your draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y
wide our heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that



ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
peo - ple save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
clouds of night, and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
leads on high, and close the path to mis - er - y.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

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Announcements

Church Cleaners

December 7 - Timothy / December 14 - Mark

DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

- Su (30) 10:30 am Lay-led Worship (Advent 1)**
11:45 am *Coffee Hour*
- We (3) 9:30 am Communicating Christ (Adult)
5:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)
7:00 pm New Communicating Christ (Adult)
- Th (4) 10:30 am Devotion at Longfield Manor
- Fr (5) 3:00 pm Online Women's Bible Study
- Su (7) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**
10:30 am Worship with Communion
11:45 am First Fellowship
3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore
4:00 pm Bible Class (Poltimore)
- We (10) 9:30 am Communicating Christ (Adult)
5:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)
7:00 pm New Communicating Christ (Adult)
- Fr (125) 3:00 pm Online Women's Bible Study
- Su (14) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**
10:30 am Worship
11:30 am Coffee hour
11:45 pm Voter's Meeting