

# A Guide to the Divine Service

9:00 a.m.

December 1, 2024

## First Sunday in Advent

*The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us*

The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord: “Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey” (St. Matt. 21:5). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. Since He bears the sin of the world, He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be “The LORD is our Righteousness” (Jer. 23:5-6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Means of Grace: Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ’s Body and Blood, we also sing from St. Matt. 21:9, “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” And as we receive His Blessed Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for “our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed” (Rom. 13:11).



## Midweek Vespers for Advent

Wednesday – 7:00 p.m.

## The Eve of the Nativity of Our Lord

December 24 – 7:00 p.m.

## The Nativity of Our Lord

December 25 – 9:00 a.m.

## Readings for Next Sunday:

### Second Sunday in Advent

Prophecy of the Day: Song of Solomon 2:8b-14  
Epistle of the Day: Romans 15:4-13  
Holy Gospel of the Day: St. Luke 21:25-33

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## *Ad Te Levavi*

*(ad te Domine levavi animam mean)*  
“To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul”

**“Lo, He Comes! Sunday”**  
**[First Sunday in Advent]**

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## NOTE ON PARTICIPATING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout history, "closed communion" is observed here, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those who:

- (a) are baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- (b) have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scriptures as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith and practice, and now embrace this same Lutheran faith in the same way that it is believed, taught, confessed, and practiced in this congregation;
- (c) believe that in this Sacrament the real Body and Blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) repent of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services who are able to affirm these facts should speak to our pastor or the elder on duty before receiving the Sacrament. To other guests with us today, we express to you our sincere interest, friendship, and concern, and we assure you that it is for the spiritual welfare of all that we practice closed communion. Those desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with our pastor.

[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

Processional Hymn

**"Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!" #345**

**Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p. 184**

### The Service of the Word begins with the Introit

To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**O my God, in You I trust; let me not be put to shame.**

Let not my enemies exult over me.

**Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame.**

Make me to know Your ways, O LORD;

**teach me Your paths.**

Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation;

**for You I wait all the day long.**

May integrity and uprightness preserve me,

**for I wait for You.**

Redeem Israel, O God,

**out of all his troubles.**

(Ps. 25:4-5, 21-22; antiphon: Ps. 25:1-3a)

*Gloria Patri, Kyrie* p. 186

*Gloria in Excelsis* p. 187

**Salutation** p. 189

**Collect for the First Sunday in Advent** – 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!**

[We are seated]

Prophecy of the Day **Jeremiah 23:5-8**

*[The Branch of Righteousness]*

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

## Gradual

None who wait for You shall be put to shame;  
**they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**  
Make me to know Your ways, O LORD;  
**teach me Your paths.** (Ps. 25:3-4)

Epistle of the Day **Romans 13:11-14**  
*[Fulfilling the Law Through Love]*

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**

[We rise] **Triple Alleluia** p. 190

The Lord be with you. **And with thy spirit.**  
Holy Gospel of the Day **St. Matthew 21:1-9**

*[The Triumphal Entry]*

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[We are seated]

Hymn of the Day  
**"Savior of the Nations, Come" #332**

(SSLC's Little Lambs Choir, sts. 1-4;  
Congregation, sts. 5-8)

[rise stanza 8]

Sermon

[We rise] **Offertory**  
**"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #338**

[We are seated]

**The offering is received**

*God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!*

[We rise] **Prayer of the Church**

*[Please review our Communion Policy inside this Guide]*

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[We are seated for the Distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ]

Hymn **"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" #334**  
[We rise] **Doxology** #805

**Dismissal, Nunc Dimittis, Thanksgiving, p. 199**  
**Salutation, Benedicamus, Benediction**

[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Recessional Hymn]

**"Prepare the Royal Highway" #343**