

# THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Watch Night

December 1 & 2, 2012

## AS WE GATHER

It is an old church custom to connect a theme to each Sunday in Advent. The theme for this Sunday would be *watch and wait*. Today, we focus our attention on the Second Coming (or *Advent*) of Christ on the Last Day. A single blue candle is lit today.

## WELCOME

*"And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8*

## + PREPARATION +

**OPENING HYMN # 442** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Stanzas 1-3

**Refrain** All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son,  
Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and Blessed One. **Refrain**

The company of angels Is praising You on high,  
And we with all creation In chorus make reply. **Refrain**

The multitude of pilgrims With palms before You went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before You we present. **Refrain**

(Please rise)

## INVOCATION

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

**People: Amen.**

## OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." *John 8:12* "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." *Isaiah 9:2*

**People: Come, Lord Jesus, our Light and Life.**

Pastor: Until that day, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

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## CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**People: Almighty God, merciful Father, we confess to you and to our brothers and sisters in Christ that we purposely try to forget our sins, to minimize them by comparing ourselves to others whom we consider greater sinners than ourselves. Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they are from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.** *cf. Psalm 25:6-7*

Pastor: Brothers and sisters in Christ, God declares to us that as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. *Psalm 103:12* Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. We are all forgiven through the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN # 442** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" Stanzas 4 & 5

**Refrain** All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.

To You before Your passion They sang their hymns of praise;  
To You, now high exalted, Our melody we raise. **Refrain**

As You received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,  
O Source of ev'ry blessing, Our good and gracious King. **Refrain**

## KYRIE

Pastor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

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Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**People: Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

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.**

(Be seated)

+ WORD +

**OLD TESTAMENT** Jeremiah 33:14-16 (*The Lord promises that the days are coming when He will raise up a righteous Branch to execute righteousness and justice in the land.*) “‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the gracious promise I made to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah. “‘In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.’”

**EPISTLE** 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (*The apostle prays that the hearts of God's people would be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus.*) How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

### 10:30 ANTHEM

*“Jesus, Our Good Friend”*

*Pre-K - K*

(Rise)

**GOSPEL** Luke 19:28-40 (*Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem*) After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ tell him, ‘The Lord needs it.’” Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They replied, “The Lord needs

it.” They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road. When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen: “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

(Be seated)

### CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

#### HYMN OF THE DAY # 338 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.  
Israel’s strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art,  
Dear desire of ev’ry nation, Joy of ev’ry longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver; Born a child and yet a king!  
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;  
By Thine all sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

### SERMON

**“When Jesus Rides In”**

Luke 19:28-40

(Rise)

**APOSTLES’ CREED** (*found on inside back cover of the hymnal*)

(Be seated)

**OFFERINGS** As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle.

(Rise)

### PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*After each petition:*

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Pastor: . . . one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**+ SACRAMENT +**

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**THE PEACE OF THE LORD**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**People: Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI**

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O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,  
grant us Thy peace. Amen.

(Be seated)

**DISTRIBUTION** Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

**HYMN # 628 "Your Table I Approach"**

Your table I approach; Dear Savior, hear my prayer.

Let not an unrepentant heart Prove hurtful to me there.

Lord, I confess my sins And mourn their wretched bands;  
a contrite heart is sure to find Forgiveness at Your hands.

Your body and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,  
Are taken at Your table, Lord, In blest reality.

Search not how this takes place, This wondrous mystery;  
God can accomplish vastly more Than what we think could be.

O grant, most blessed Lord, That earth and hell combined  
May not about this sacrament Raise doubt within my mind.

Oh, may I never fail To thank You day and night  
For Your true body and true blood, O God, my peace and light.

**HYMN # 332 "Savior, of the Nations, Come"**

Savior of the nations, come, Virgin's Son, make here Your home!  
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth, That the Lord chose such a birth.

Not by human flesh and blood, By the Spirit of our God,  
Was the Word of God made flesh-Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.

Here a maid was found with child, Yet remained a virgin mild.  
In her womb this truth was shown: God was there upon His throne.

Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and kingly hall;  
God of God, yet fully man, His heroic course began.

God the Father was His source, Back to God He ran His course.  
Into hell His road went down, Back then to His throne and crown.

For You are the Father's Son Who in flesh the vict'ry won.  
By Your mighty pow'r make whole All our ills of flesh and soul.

From the manger newborn light Shines in glory through the night.  
Darkness there no more resides; In this light faith now abides.

Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king,  
Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.

**HYMN # 333 "Once He Came in Blessing"**

Once He came in blessing, All our sins redressing;  
Came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy;  
Bore the cross to save us; Hope and freedom gave us.

Now He gently leads us; With Himself He feeds us  
Precious food from heaven, Pledge of peace here given,  
Manna that will nourish Souls that they may flourish.

Soon will come that hour When with mighty power  
Christ will come in splendor And will judgment render,  
With the faithful sharing Joy beyond comparing.

Come, then, O Lord Jesus, From our sins release us.  
Keep our hearts believing, That we, grace receiving,  
Ever may confess You Till in heav'n we bless You.

**COMMON DISMISSAL**

(Rise)

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for His coming again, and that all who have received in His true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen.**

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### BENEDICTION

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look on you with favor and + give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

**People: Amen!**

### CLOSING HYMN # 348 "The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns"

The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light triumphant breaks,  
When beauty gilds the eastern hills  
And life to joy awakes.

Not as of old a little child,  
To bear and fight and die,  
But crowned with glory like the sun  
That lights the morning sky.

Oh, brighter than the rising morn  
When Christ, victorious, rose  
And left the lonesome place of death  
Despite the rage of foes.

Oh, brighter than that glorious morn  
Shall dawn upon our race  
The day when Christ in splendor comes  
And we shall see His face.

The King shall come when morning dawns  
And light and beauty brings.  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your people pray:  
Come quickly, King of kings!

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# Advent Worship



Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup>  
Jesus Our Hope  
10:00am & 6:00pm

## Advent Dinners

This year we will again be serving Advent dinners each Wednesday in Advent. Please join us by volunteering to help serve and/or cleanup if you are able.

Regardless, please join us each week beginning at 4:45 until 6:00 for a wonderful dinner and holiday fellowship!

Looking forward to seeing you all there. If you would like to help out, please email or call Shelly Mueller 262-613-3657 [ssmajn@yahoo.com](mailto:ssmajn@yahoo.com).

December 5th: Tacos, Spanish rice, applesauce and dessert

