



As We Gather First Sunday in Advent November 29, 2020

The Church Year begins by taking us to the scene of our Lord's final entry into Jerusalem that great and holy week. Yes, Christmas is at hand. Surely the preparations for the celebration of His incarnation, His earthly birth of the Virgin Mary, are already well under way. But wait a moment. We enter this new year already knowing why He became incarnate of the Holy Spirit for us and for our salvation, which is only by way of His passion, death, and resurrection. We begin by continuing to "wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ" on the Last Day (1 Corinthians 1:7), sustained by Him now in the forgiveness of our sins, guiltless and ready. In readiness, we boldly pray that our Lord comes to rescue and save us.

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Please meet with an usher for prayer requests.
Ask us about Associate Memberships for Lutherans who are part-time residents.

A Gentle Reminder to turn off cell phones. Thank You.

PRELUDE
WELCOME

PREPARATION

OPENING HYMN #443 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

INVOCATION

- L In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION 1 John 1:8; John 3:16; Matthew 5:16

- L As we begin a new Church Year, let us put behind us everything in the past that would disqualify us from a new life, and remembering our Baptism, we boldly petition our Savior Jesus Christ, seeking for our entry into His presence and His plan and future for us, saying, stir up Your power, O Lord, and come,
C **that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance.**
L What are those threatening perils? I now ask you before God, who searches the heart, do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserved His wrath and punishment?
C **I do confess.**
L So you should confess as Holy Scripture says, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” Do you also repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed?
C **I do repent.**
L So you should repent as did King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the sinful woman; the prodigal son; and others. Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Jesus’ sake, will forgive you all your sins?
C **I do believe.**
L So you should believe as Holy Scripture declares, “God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” Do you promise that with the aid of the Holy Spirit you will amend your sinful life?
C **I do promise.**
L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives

the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

L Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come,

C that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance. Amen.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE

L Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

C the light no darkness can overcome.

L Let Your light scatter the darkness

C and illumine Your Church.

WE LIGHT THE ADVENT CANDLE

1 We light the Ad - vent can - dle And wait for Christ to
come. With hope, we trust the prom - ise That
He will bring us home. Our hope is in our
Sav - ior Who wins for us God's fa - vor. We
wait with grow - ing light Till God makes all things right!

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WORD

INTROIT Psalm 25:1–3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.

L Behold, your king is coming to you;

C righteous and having salvation.

L To you, O LORD,

C I lift up my soul.

L O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame;

C let not my enemies exult over me.

L Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

C they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

L Behold, your king is coming to you;

C righteous and having salvation.

KYRIE

L In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C O Lord, Emmanuel, have mercy.

L For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C O Lord, Wisdom from on high, have mercy.

L 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.

C O Lord, Branch of Jesse's tree, have mercy.

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

C O Lord, Key of David, have mercy.

L Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

SALUTATION

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 64:1–9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—²as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. ⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING 1 Corinthians 1:3–9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

L Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

C **Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 11:1–10

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” ⁶And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. ⁷And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. ⁸And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. ⁹And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! ¹⁰Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY #332 “**Savior of the Nations, Come**” vrs. 1-2 6-8

SERMON

APOSTLES’ CREED

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

Almighty God, our Father, we give You thanks that You bring us once again into a new Church Year whereby we confess and proclaim Your great love for the world in the sending of Your only-begotten Son as the Child of the Virgin Mary, the Lamb proclaimed by John the Baptist, the teacher of the holy apostles, the sacrifice for the sins of the world on the cross, and the risen Savior of all, who will come again in glory on the Last Day. Lord, keep us in this confession and faith, and bless its proclamation throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

[*Petitions...*] L Lord, in Your mercy, **C hear our prayer.**

L As Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, came down to us at Christmas and now comes to us by Your Spirit in Your Word, we pray for His final coming to deliver us all in the great day of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God in the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #917 “Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PRAYER LIST: Mike Carpenter, surgery Dec. 1; Renee Havener, broken hip; Noreen Gorder, pacemaker 12/1; Serene Webb, healing; Reina Love Ramirez, hospital (infant daughter of Sindia Renteria, Preschool teacher); John Jamieson, cancer treatments; Mary Webster, cancer treatments; Deedee Halterman, lung cancer, sister-in-law of Maggie and George Halterman; Velda, breast cancer, friend of Sophie Hood; Lucy Brookshire, cancer, sister of Nancy Schleiger;

Lyle Powelson, kidney cancer; Harold Holtz, cancer treatments; Karen Droubay, cancer, friend of Reeds; Tom Stettler, Southern Utah Veterans Home; the homebound.

CALENDAR THIS WEEK

Wednesday Dec. 2 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at the Casa

BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 1 Harold Sersland

Dec. 1 Ann Scott

Dec. 3 Gayle Malwitz

Dec. 8 Wendy Fullmer

Dec. 5 Christine Fourman

Dec. 9 Lori Gnacinski

Dec. 12 Ronald Bendschneider

Dec. 17 Crystal Camara

Dec. 27 Alan Rasmussen

ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 30 Barry & JoAnn Collins

Dec. 12 David & Lori Gnacinski

Dec. 18 Scott & Sheri Asay

Dec. 28 Ernie & Judy Duncker

2021 Envelopes are available in the Narthex. Please do not use until Jan.1. Let Judy Duncker know if yours are missing or you would like envelopes issued to you.

The **Angel Tree** is available in the Narthex and this year will benefit the children in our Childcare Center. Each child has a tag on the tree listing a suggested gift and the congregation is asked to **please adhere to the \$20 or less limit as the children will be opening their gifts while together.** Also available on the tree are Childcare Apples, if you would like to provide a need at the school.

How to Participate:

*choose a child's tag and take it off the tree

*record your name and contact number next to the child's name on the list provided

*return the wrapped gift with the tag attached to the outside of the gift by Sunday, December 20th.

For more information contact Barbara Coverdale 307-871-5875.

Thank you for sharing your Christmas Joy with the little children!

8:30 a.m. & 10 a.m. service available online at our Facebook page (live and recorded - @MesquiteLCC). You do not need a Facebook account to view. Go to facebook.com/MesquiteLCC/live.

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