

# Advent 1



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# CHRIST Lutheran Church

*"Our hope in Jesus is an anchor for the soul."* Hebrews 6:19

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## Mission Statement

With the help of the Triune God, our mission is to gladly nurture the spiritual and physical needs of our congregation, to train our children in the knowledge of the Lord, to reach out to others with the saving message of Jesus' love and forgiveness.

**W**elcome! Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. In our service we gather before our almighty God to offer him our worship and praise. We also gather to strengthen ourselves through the study of God's holy and powerful Word.

### ∞ Prayer before worship

#### Luther's Morning Prayer

In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen. I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## OPENING HYMN

### 2 Savior of the Nations, Come



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, Wo - man'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.

Text: Ambrose, 340–97, abr.; German version, Martin Luther, 1483–1546, abr.; tr. William M. Reynolds, 1812–76, alt.  
 Tune: NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND (77 77) *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, Wittenberg, 1524.

## **STAND**

M: The grace of our Lord (✠) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

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## OH, TASTE AND SEE



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -



ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

*The minister says the Prayer of the Day.*



C: A - men.

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# THE WORD



## FIRST LESSON

*Jeremiah 33:14-16*

<sup>14</sup>Listen, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the good promises that I have spoken to the house of Israel and concerning the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time, I will cause a righteous Branch to grow up from David's line. He will establish justice and righteousness on earth. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. This is what she will be called: The LORD Our Righteousness.





To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; in you I trust, my God.

*To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;  
in you I trust, O my God.*

*Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,  
for they are from of old.*

*Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;  
according to your love remember me,  
for you are good, O LORD.*

**Refrain**

*Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
for I am lonely and afflicted.*

*Look upon my affliction and my distress  
and take away all my sins.*

*Guard my life and rescue me,  
for I take refuge in you.*

***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.***

**Refrain**



<sup>9</sup>Indeed, how can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have before God on account of you? <sup>10</sup>Night and day we are praying earnestly to see you in person and to supply what is lacking in your faith. <sup>11</sup>May God our Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. <sup>12</sup>And may the Lord increase your love and make it overflow for each other and for all people, just as ours does for you, <sup>13</sup>so that he may establish your hearts as blameless in holiness before our God and Father, when our Lord Jesus comes with all his saints.

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."  
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia.

(Revelation 22:20)



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



<sup>28</sup> After Jesus had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.  
<sup>29</sup> As he came near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples ahead, <sup>30</sup> saying, "Go to the village ahead of you. When you enter it, you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup> And if anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you will say this: 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found things just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup> They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup> Then they brought the colt to Jesus. They threw their robes on the colt and set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their robes on the road. <sup>37</sup> As he was approaching the slope of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began to praise God joyfully, with a loud voice, for all the miracles they had seen, <sup>38</sup> saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" <sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees from the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples!" <sup>40</sup> He replied, "I tell you, if these people would be silent, the stones would cry out."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.



## HYMN OF THE DAY

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## Behold, a Branch Is Growing



1 Be - hold, a Branch is grow - ing Of  
 2 I - sa - iah had fore - told it In  
 3 The shep - herds heard the sto - ry Pro -  
 4 This flow'r, so small and ten - der, With  
 5 O Sav - ior, Child of Mar - y, Who



love - liest form and grace, As proph - ets sang, fore -  
 words of prom - ise sure, And Mar - y's arms en -  
 claimed by an - gels bright, How Christ, the Lord of  
 fra - grance fills the air; His bright - ness ends the  
 felt our hu - man woes, O Sav - ior, King of



know - ing; It springs from Jes - se's race And  
 fold it, A vir - gin meek and pure. Through  
 glo - ry, Was born on earth this night. To  
 dark - ness That kept the earth in fear. True  
 glo - ry, Who con - quered all our foes, Bring



bears one lit - tle flow'r In midst of cold - est  
 God's e - ter - nal will This child to her is  
 Beth - le - hem they sped And in the man - ger  
 God and yet true man, He came to save his  
 us at last, we pray, To the bright courts of



win - ter, At deep - est mid - night hour.  
 giv - en At mid - night calm and still.  
 found him, As an - gel her - alds said.  
 peo - ple From earth's dark night of sin.  
 heav - en And to the end - less day.

Text: *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, Köln, 1599, abr.; tr. composite.

Tune: ES IST EIN ROS (76 76 676) *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, Köln, 1599.

## **SERMON: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

### **Behold the Branch of David**

#### **Sermon Study Guide**

*Contemplate these questions during the sermon and feel free to write your thoughts in the blank spaces.*

- 1. God had made a promise to restore his people. How certain is it that God will fulfill that promise? Why would this reminder be especially comforting for the people at that time?**
- 2. A Branch will grow out of the dead stump of David. The kings after David had grown more corrupt with each generation. The disease of sin had killed off the tree of the king's line. What would make this Branch different from the past kings?**
- 3. This Branch will save the people. He will restore them. What is he saving the people from?**
- 4. Notice that Judah and Jerusalem, God's kingdom (today we would call it the Holy Christian Church), is called "The Lord Our Righteousness." Why do we receive that name? Isn't that a name reserved for Jesus?**

STAND

## APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

## THANKSGIVING

**OFFERING**            Lord, You Love the Cheerful Giver .....489:1

*Lord, you love the cheerful giver. Who with open heart and hand*

*Blesses freely, as a river That refreshes all the land.*

*Grant us, then, the grace of giving With a spirit large and true*

*That our life and all our living We may consecrate to you.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

M: Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.

**C: We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.**

M: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

**C: Move us to take to heart the words of John: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."**

M: You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

**C: Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.**

M: Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

**C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

**C: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**M/C: 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.**

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



M: 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.



## CLOSING HYMN

### 219 Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Lord, when your glo - ry I shall see And taste your king - dom's  
plea - sure, Your blood my roy - al robe shall be, My  
joy be - yond all mea - sure! When I ap - pear be - fore your  
throne, Your right - eous - ness shall be my crown; With  
these I need not hide me. And there, in gar - ments rich - ly  
wrought, As your own bride I shall be brought To  
stand in joy be - side you.

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