

Bethlehem Lutheran Church



Ad Te Levavi
(First Sunday in Advent)
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The Order of Service

Divine Service Setting One (LSB 151)

*(Please stand if you are able for portions of the liturgy marked with an *)*

Announcements

Opening Hymn: O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

LSB 334

Confession and Absolution*

LSB 184

Introit*

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

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.

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.

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Kyrie*

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis is omitted during Advent

Collect*: 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.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 23:5-8

⁵“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’ ⁷“Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, ‘As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ ⁸but ‘As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ Then they shall dwell in their own land.”

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.

Epistle: Romans 13:8-14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

Alleluia*

LSB 190

Holy Gospel*: Matthew 21:1-9

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21st chapter. **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

¹ Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” ⁴ This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, ⁵ “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’” ⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. ⁷ They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. ⁸ Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed*	LSB 191
Hymn of the Day: Savior of the Nations, Come	LSB 332
Sermon	
Offertory*	LSB 192
Offering	
Prayer of the Church*	
Service of the Sacrament*	LSB 194
Distribution Hymns: 341, 343, 620, 331	
Nunc Dimittis*	LSB 199
Benediction*	
Closing Hymn: Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come	LSB 350

Announcements

What does this mean? The word “advent” is derived from the Latin words, advenire (to come to) and adventus (an arrival). That we might be prepared to celebrate the blessed Feast of the Nativity of Christ our Lord, the Church has set aside the season of Advent as a time to reflect and meditate upon the coming of our Lord Jesus in the Flesh, through

His Word and Sacraments, and on the Last Day. Advent is also a time of preparation for Christ's coming through repentance and faith.

The First Sunday in Advent is known as Ad Te Levavi, which, in Latin, means: "To You I lift up". This is the opening phrase of the Introit, "To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul" (Psalm 25:1).

Where did the Gloria in Excelsis go? The Gloria in Excelsis is a hymn of praise that celebrates God coming among us in the person of Jesus. However, due to the penitential nature of Advent, this hymn of praise is omitted until we reach the joyous season of Christmas.

Private Confession and Absolution: The Lutheran Confessions state that private absolution should be retained and not abolished in the churches (Augsburg Confession, XI). With this in mind, if at any time you desire private confession and absolution, please give Pastor Jennings a call to set-up a time to meet privately.

Wednesday Night Religion: Wednesday Night Religion Class resumes this week. Please note the time change. Throughout the Season of Advent, we will meet from 5:45pm-6:45pm.

Hymnals: There are large print hymnals available in the ushers' room for those that wish to use them.

Thank You: The Men's club made a profit of \$14,472.13 at their sausage supper. Thanks again to everyone who made this possible. Men's Club

New Bible Study Coming: There is a new Bible study coming **Sunday, December 4, 2022**. The Messiah: Revealing Jesus in the Old Testament' will lead us through the entirety of the Old Testament. We'll dive into the heart of the Holy Books that have spiritually nourished God's people from creation to today! **Join us Sundays at 8:30am**. All are welcome!

Advent Midweek Services: Whether it's a spouse or child, family or friend, coworker or classmate, we often set high expectations for those around us. Yet, disappointment comes when our expectations are not met. During our midweek Advent Vespers, we will take a look at four different sons of men who were disappointments to their fathers - Cain, Ishmael, Esau, and Absalom. Yet, each week, we will also be pointed to a different Son who fulfills every hope and expectation in order to redeem us from our sins - Jesus Christ! So, join us on **Wednesday, November 30th, December 7th, 14th, and 21st at 7:00pm** for our midweek Advent Vespers as we consider the theme: "This Is My Son!"

Men's Club: The Men's Club will be holding our annual Christmas party on Monday, December 5th at 6:00pm at the Good Ole Days restaurant in New Bade. If you are planning o attending, please let Edwin Hermsmeyer or Steve Haun know by December 4th. Spouses and guests are welcome to attend.

All Ladies of the Congregation: All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend the Ladies Aid/LWML Christmas party on **December 12, 2022 at 6:00pm** in the school basement. Please **RSVP to Mia Zimmermann by December 5th**. For anyone attending the cost will be \$15.00 per meal.

Annual Social Night: The annual Advent social night will be on **December 14, 2022**. It will be held in the school basement following the 7:00pm Advent Vespers. Bring some cookies or snacks to share and enjoy a cup of coffee or hot cocoa while visiting with your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Congregational Potluck: Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer will be preaching here at Bethlehem on **December 18, 2022**. Following the service there will be a congregational potluck. Fried chicken will be provided. The Ladies Aid will be hosting the meal. Please bring a dish to share and enjoy the fellowship of one another as we visit with Pastor Meyer.

Upcoming Area Events:

- December 4, 2022 Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School presenting a musical reflection and celebration of the coming of our Lord Jesus at 2:00pm at Trinity Lutheran Church.

This Week in our congregation:

Sunday: 8:30am Bible Class/Sunday School
9:30am Divine Service

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7:00pm Advent Vespers

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