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## 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

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### Opening Hymn #701

### *Prepare the Royal Highway*

1. Prepare the royal highway,  
The King of kings is near!  
Let ev'ry hill and valley  
A level road appear!  
Then greet the King of glory,  
Foretold in sacred story:

Refrain:

Hosanna to the Lord,  
For He fulfills God's Word!

2. God's people, see him coming:  
Your own eternal king!  
Palm branches strew before Him!  
Spread garments! Shout and sing!  
God's promise will not fail you!  
No more shall doubt assail you! [Refrain]

3. Then fling the gates wide open  
To greet your promised king!  
Your king, yet ev'ry nation  
Its tribute too should bring.  
All lands will bow before Him;  
Their voices join your singing: [Refrain]

4. His is no earthly kingdom;  
It comes from heav'n above.  
His rule is peace and freedom,  
And justice, truth, and love.  
So let your praise be sounding  
For kindness so abounding: [Refrain]

### **Invocation**

*P: We worship today in the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C ♪: Amen.**

### **Confession & Absolution**

*P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and  
confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the  
name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

*P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.*

**C ♪: Who made heaven and earth.**

*P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.*

**C ♪: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sins.**

*P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners  
confess unto Thee that we are by nature sinful and unclean and  
that we have sinned against Thee by thought, word, and deed.  
Wherefore we flee for refuge to Thine infinite mercy, seeking and  
imploring Thy grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**P & C O most merciful God, who has given Thine only-  
begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His  
sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy  
Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and of Thy will  
and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace  
we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our  
Lord. Amen.**

*P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, hath had mercy upon us and hath given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiveth us all our sins. To them that believe on His name He giveth power to become the sons of God and hath promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.*

**C ♪ Amen.**

### **Gloria Patri**

**C ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### **The Kyrie**

**C ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

### **Advent 1**

**P:** *We light one Advent candle, remembering Jesus, who is coming again. He will come to gather his people from everywhere, both the living and the dead.*

**C:** **We remember Jesus, who will come at the end of time. None of us know what day that will be.**

**P:** *We hear his call to watch.*

**C:** **We light one Advent candle as a sign of our watchfulness and waiting.**

**P:** *Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.*

**C:** **Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.**

*The Prophecy Candle, (period of waiting) is lit. [Gen. 3:1-15]*

(To the Tune of “Away in a Manger”)

**Prepare for Christ’s coming,  
Keep watch through the night.  
We light one small candle  
And cherish the light.  
Give hope to the hopeless,  
Give comfort and peace.  
Trust in the Lord’s promise  
That darkness shall cease.**

### **The Salutation**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C ♪: And with thy spirit.**

### **The Collect for the Day**

*P: Let us pray..... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C ♪: Amen.**

### **The First Lesson – Jeremiah 33:14-16**

<sup>14</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The Lord is our righteousness.

### **Psalm of the Day – Psalm 25:1-10**

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*Antiphon – Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us the fire of Your love.*

1 To you, | O LORD,\*  
I lift | up my soul.

2 O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;\*  
**let not my enemies exult | over me.**

3 Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;\*  
**they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.**

4 Make me to know your ways, | O LORD;\*  
**teach me | your paths.**

5 Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my  
sal- | vation;\*  
**for you I wait all the | day long.**

6 Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your | steadfast love,\*  
**for they have been | from of old.**

7 Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;\*  
**according to your steadfast love remember me, for the  
sake of your goodness, | O LORD!**

8 Good and upright | is the LORD;\*  
**therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.**

9 He leads the humble in | what is right,\*  
**and teaches the humble | his way.**

10 All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and |  
faithfulness,\*  
**for those who keep his covenant and his testi- | monies.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

*Antiphon – Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts and kindle in us  
the fire of Your love.*

### **The Second Lesson – 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

<sup>9</sup>What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup>as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? <sup>11</sup>Now may our God and

Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup>and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup>so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

### **The Gospel – Luke 21:25-36**

<sup>25</sup>[Jesus said:] “There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup>people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup>And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup>Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” <sup>29</sup>And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup>As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup>So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup>Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup>Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup>“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup>For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup>But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

### **Confession of Faith *The 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 Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary;**

**Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Hymn of the Day #95**  
***Savior of the Nations, Come***

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

2. 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.

3. Wondrous birth! O wondrous Child  
Of the Virgin undefiled!  
Though by all the world disowned,  
Still to be in heaven enthroned.

4. From the Father forth He came  
And returneth to the same,  
Captive leading death and hell--  
High the song of triumph swell!

5. Thou, the Father's only Son,  
Hast o'er sin the victory won.  
Boundless shall Thy kingdom be;

When shall we its glories see?  
6. Brightly doth Thy manger shine,  
Glorious is its light divine.  
Let not sin o'ercloud this light;  
Ever be our faith thus bright.

7. Praise to God the Father sing,  
Praise to God the Son, our King,  
Praise to God the Spirit be  
Ever and eternally.

### **Sermon Text – Luke 21:25-36**

#### **Sermon**

***Advent Is About the Coming of the Son of Man!***

***Pastor Vance Fossum***

**<https://ministrybymail.clclutheran.org/archive/2015/11-29-15.htm>**

#### **Offertory**

4. O come, Thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
Free them from Satan's tyranny  
That trust Thy mighty pow'r to save,  
And give them vict'ry o'er the grave.

#### **Offering of Thankful Hearts**

#### **Prayer of the Church**

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

P: Lord of all, Your Son declared that if His disciples ceased praising Him, the very stones would cry out. Receive our thanks that You continue to preserve Your Word among us. Even in a world that opposes Your name, grant us tongues that joyfully declare Your praise.



**1 The advent of our King  
Our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing  
In strains of holy joy.**

P: Almighty God, grant us repentant hearts and increase our love for one another, that we may show forth our faith in good works.

**2 The everlasting Son  
Incarnate deigns to be,  
Himself a servant's form puts on  
To set His servants free.**

P: O Lord, our King, righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne, and steadfast love and faithfulness go before You. Watch over the authorities of our land, and grant that they would govern justly so that we may live in peace as we proclaim Your love and faithfulness.

**3 O Zion's daughter, rise  
To meet your lowly King,  
Nor let your faithless heart despise  
The peace He comes to bring.**

P: Blessed are You, O Lord, and blessed is Your Son, Jesus Christ, who came in Your name to save us from sin and death.

**4 As judge, on clouds of light,  
He soon will come again  
And His true members all unite  
With Him in heav'n to reign.**

P: O Lord, we often use the cares of this life as excuses for dissipation, drunkenness and distraction from You and Your promises. Guard us from temptations that would harm our faith and cause us to fear Your coming. Preserve us by Your grace, that we may wait with joy to stand before the Son of Man in glory.

**5 Before the dawning day  
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,  
The sinful self be put away,**

## **The new self now put on.**

P: We give thanks to You, O God, that as You establish our hearts blameless in holiness before You, so You also provide for all our needs in this body and life. Hear our earnest prayers for those who are in need of Your mercy, [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_,] and comfort all who mourn [*including* \_\_\_\_\_] until the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

**6 All glory to the Son,  
Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one  
Through all eternity.**

P: God our Father, You have loved and chosen us according to Your mercy and called us through the living voice of Your Word. Grant to us the Spirit of Your grace, that what You have begun in us may be brought to completion when Christ appears in His glory  
**\*please stand\*** on the Last Day; who taught us to pray:

### **The 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.**

### **The Benediction**

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face  
shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His  
countenance upon you and give you peace.*

**C ♪: Amen, Amen, Amen.**

**Closing Hymn #58 (v. 1-4, 7, 9)**  
***O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee***

1. O Lord, how shall I meet Thee,  
How welcome Thee aright?  
Thy people long to greet Thee,  
My Hope, my heart's Delight!  
O kindle, Lord, most holy,  
Thy lamp within my breast  
To do in spirit lowly  
All that may please Thee best.

2. Thy Zion strews before Thee  
Green boughs and fairest palms,  
And I, too, will adore Thee  
With joyous songs and psalms.  
My heart shall bloom forever  
For Thee with praises new  
And from Thy name shall never  
Withhold the honor due.

3. I lay in fetters, groaning,  
Thou com'st to set me free;  
I stood, my shame bemoaning,  
Thou com'st to honor me;  
A glory Thou dost give me,  
A treasure safe on high,  
That will not fail or leave me  
As earthly riches fly.

4. Love caused Thy incarnation,  
Love brought Thee down to me;  
Thy thirst for my salvation

Procured my liberty.  
O love beyond all telling,  
That led Thee to embrace,  
In love all love excelling,  
Our lost and fallen race!

7. Sin's debt, that fearful burden,  
Let not your souls distress;  
Your guilt the Lord will pardon  
And cover by His grace.  
He comes, for men procuring  
The peace of sin forgiven,  
For all God's sons securing  
Their heritage in heaven.

9. He comes to judge the nations,  
A terror to His foes,  
A Light of consolations  
And blessed Hope to those  
Who love the Lord's appearing.  
O glorious Sun, now come,  
Send forth Thy beams so cheering,  
And guide us safely home.

## **Silent Prayer**

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